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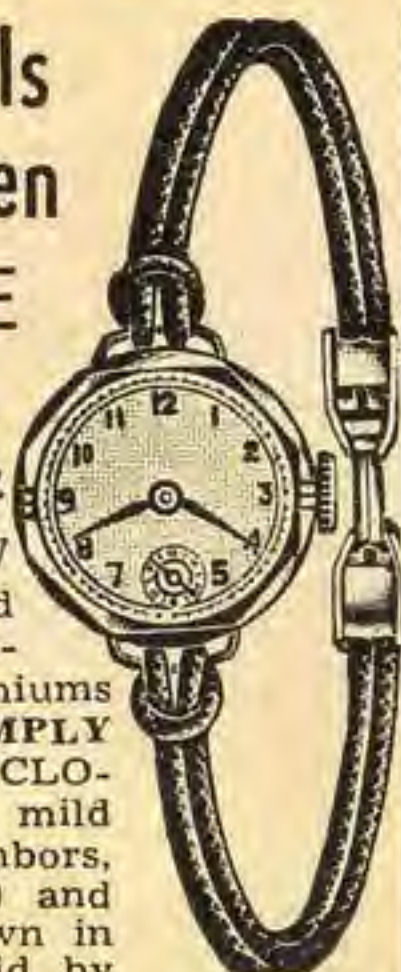
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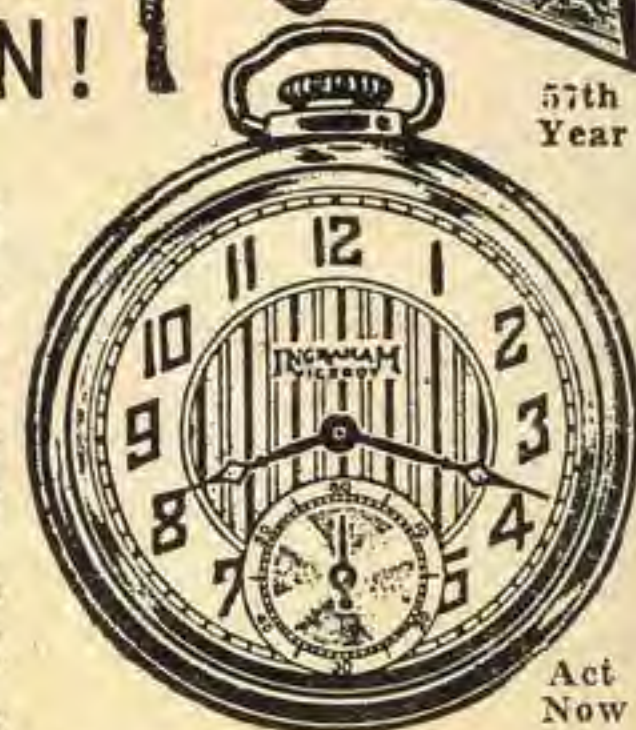
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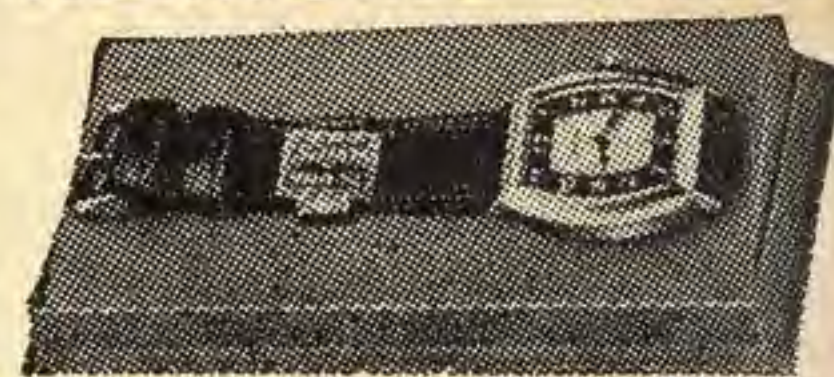
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Town ..... No..... State.....  
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Name Here

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# COOKIE

MOM! COOKIE! GET ON YOUR COATS! WE GOTTA GO! LOOK-- I GOT 3 TICKETS TO THAT NEW TELEVISION SHOW, "JERK OF THE WEEK"!

BUT WE HAVEN'T HAD SUPPER YET! AND BESIDES-- WHY GO TO IT AT ALL?

YEAH! WE CAN SEE IT ON OUR TELEVISION SET!



I'LL TELL YOU WHY WE SHOULD GO TO IT! THIS NEW PROGRAM IS ONE OF THOSE GIVE-AWAY DEALS. BUT IT'S DIFFERENT! INSTEAD OF HAVING TO BE A WALKING ENCYCLOPEDIA, THEY PAY OFF ON THE DUMBEST ANSWERS!

HOLY COW, THAT IS DIFFERENT!

CERTAINLY! ANYBODY'S GOT A CHANCE OF WINNING IF THEY GET CHOSEN AS A CONTESTANT! NOW GET READY!

JEEPERS! WHAT DO YOU GET IF YOU WIN, POP?

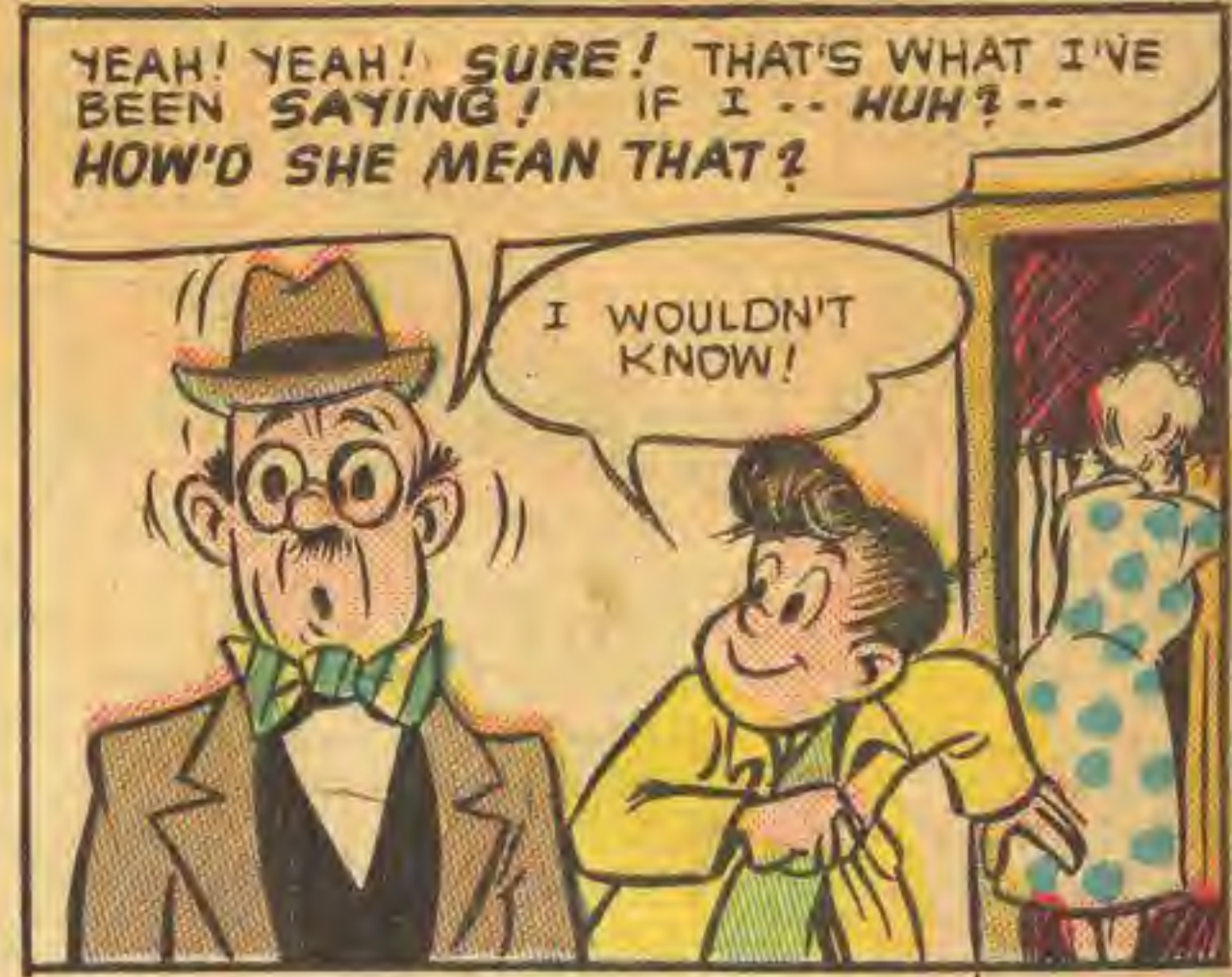






I DUNNO! THEY SAY THE PRIZES ARE GOING TO BE AS DIFFERENT AS THE PROGRAM, BUT VALUABLE! VALUABLE!

WELL, LET'S GO! IF YOU GET ON THE PROGRAM, POP, YOU'LL WIN HANDS DOWN!



YEAH! YEAH! SURE! THAT'S WHAT I'VE BEEN SAYING! IF I -- HUH? -- HOW'D SHE MEAN THAT?

I WOULDN'T KNOW!



WELL, I'M ALL READY!

WELL, LET'S GO! LET'S GO!

R-RING!  
R-R-RING!

HEY! THE PHONE!



DON'T ANSWER IT! DON'T ANSWER IT! IT MIGHT BE ONE OF YOUR MOTHER'S LONG-WINDED FRIENDS! I WANT TO GET THERE **EARLY!**



POP O'TOOLE! THIS PHONE'S GOING TO BE ANSWERED! I'M SURE A PHONE CALL ISN'T GOING TO AFFECT YOUR GOING TO THAT PROGRAM ONE WAY OR ANOTHER!



THEN SAY HELLO, GOODBYE, AND HANG UP! NOBODY, I MEAN BUT **NOBODY** IS GOING TO KEEP ME FROM GOING TO THAT PRO---

HELLO! WHO? OH, YES, YES, HE'S HERE! -- IT'S FOR YOU, POP! IT'S YOUR BOSS!

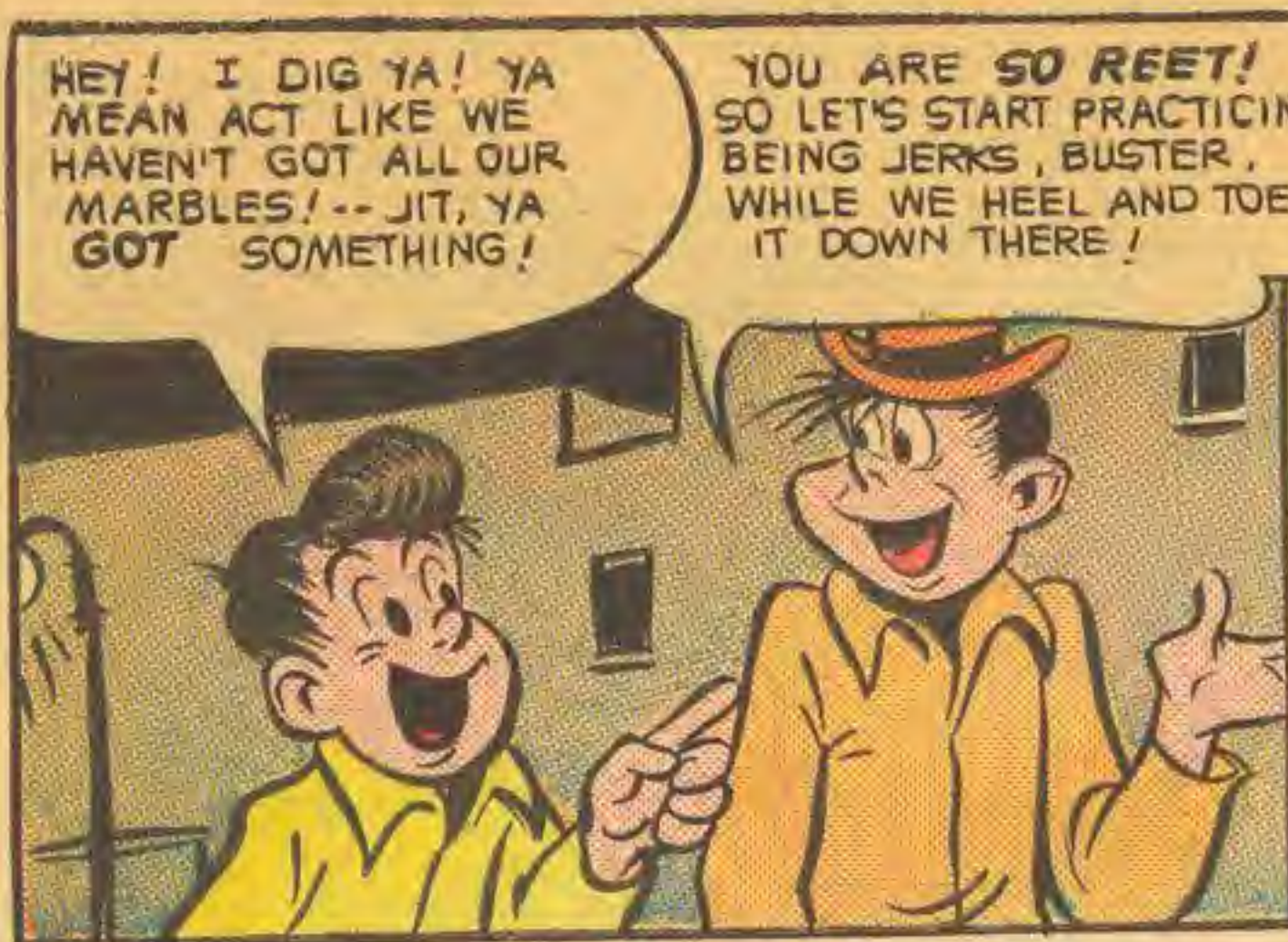


HELLO, D.D.! WHAT? **WORK** TONIGHT? OH, NO! I **CAN'T!** I'M GOING TO --- HMM? **FIRED?** -- ER-- **YES, SIR!** YES, SIR! RIGHT AWAY DD.! BE OVER RIGHT AWAY!

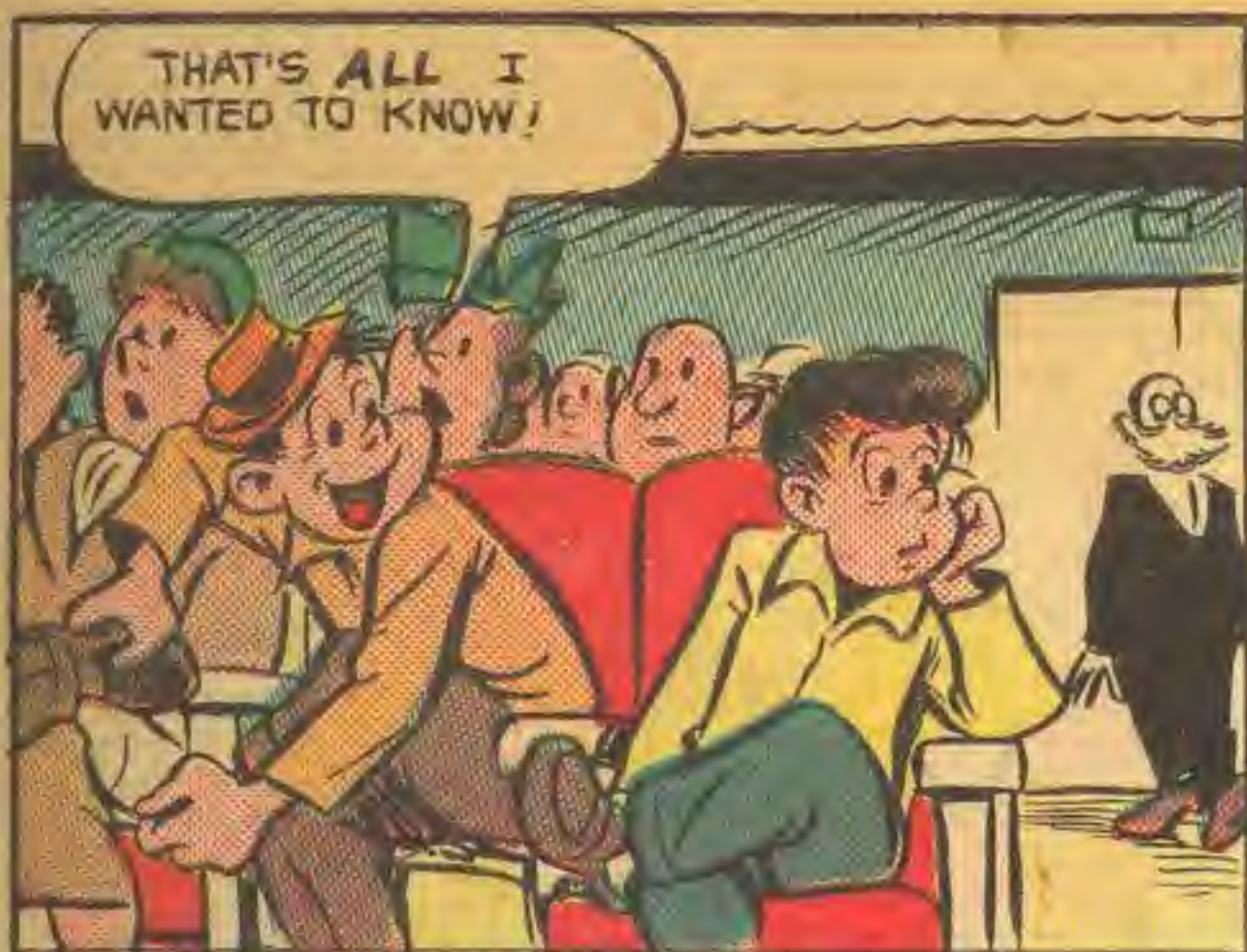




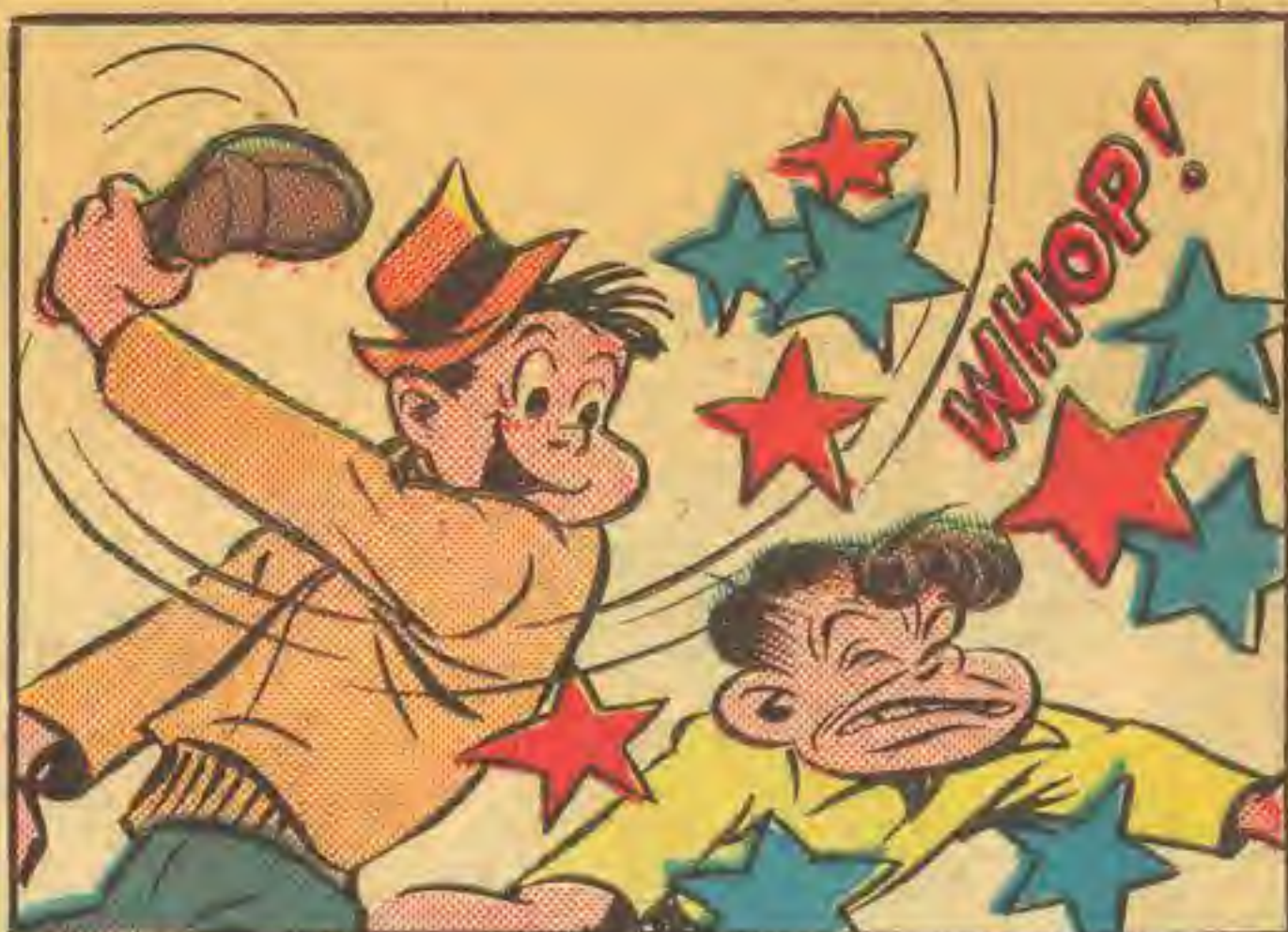








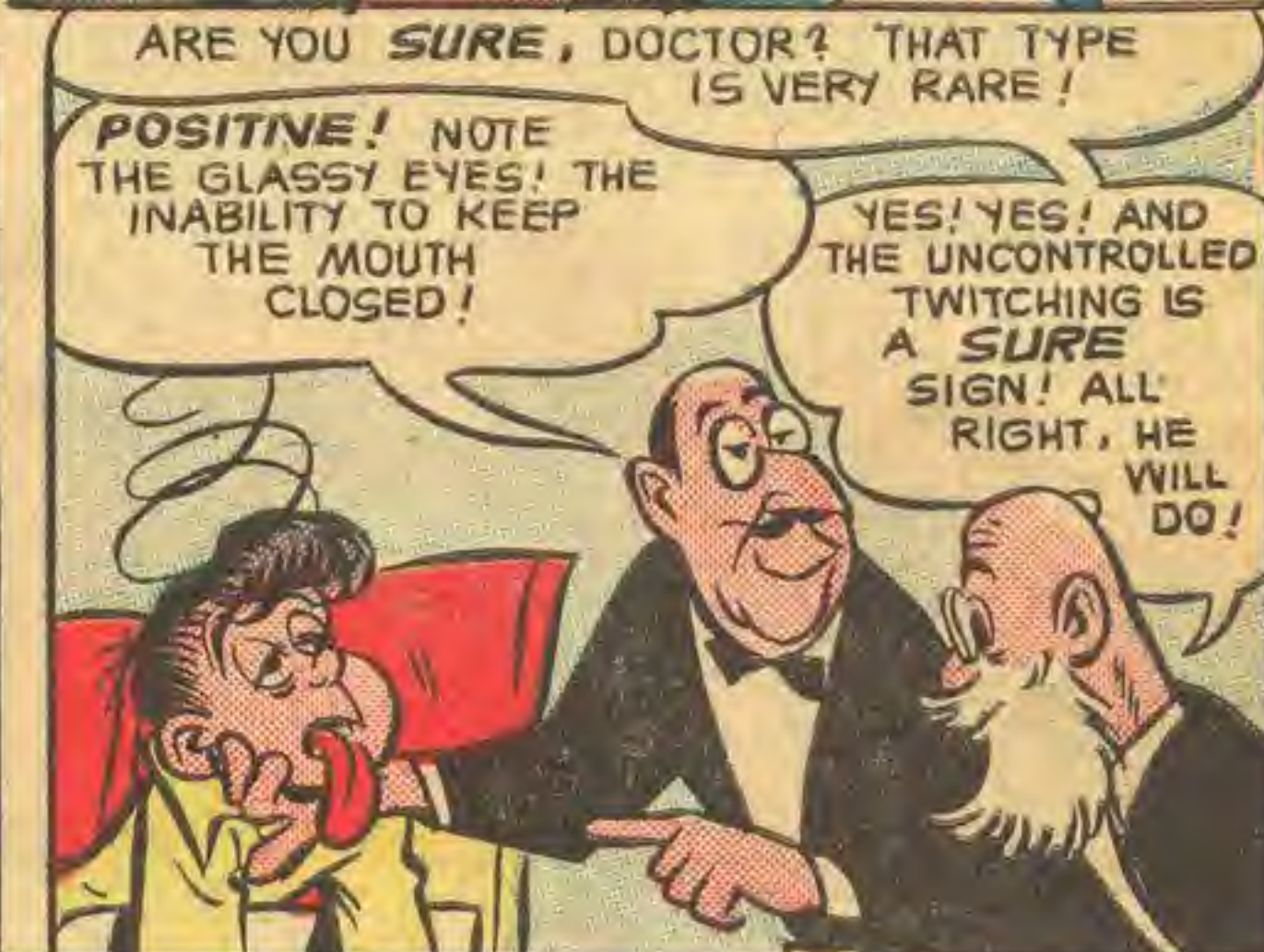
THAT'S ALL I WANTED TO KNOW!



WHOP!



DOCTOR! HERE'S THE BEST ONE YET! HE'S SO STUPID, HE'S PRACTICALLY UNCONSCIOUS!



ARE YOU SURE, DOCTOR? THAT TYPE IS VERY RARE!

POSITIVE! NOTE THE GLASSY EYES! THE INABILITY TO KEEP THE MOUTH CLOSED!

YES! YES! AND THE UNCONTROLLED TWITCHING IS A SURE SIGN! ALL RIGHT, HE WILL DO!



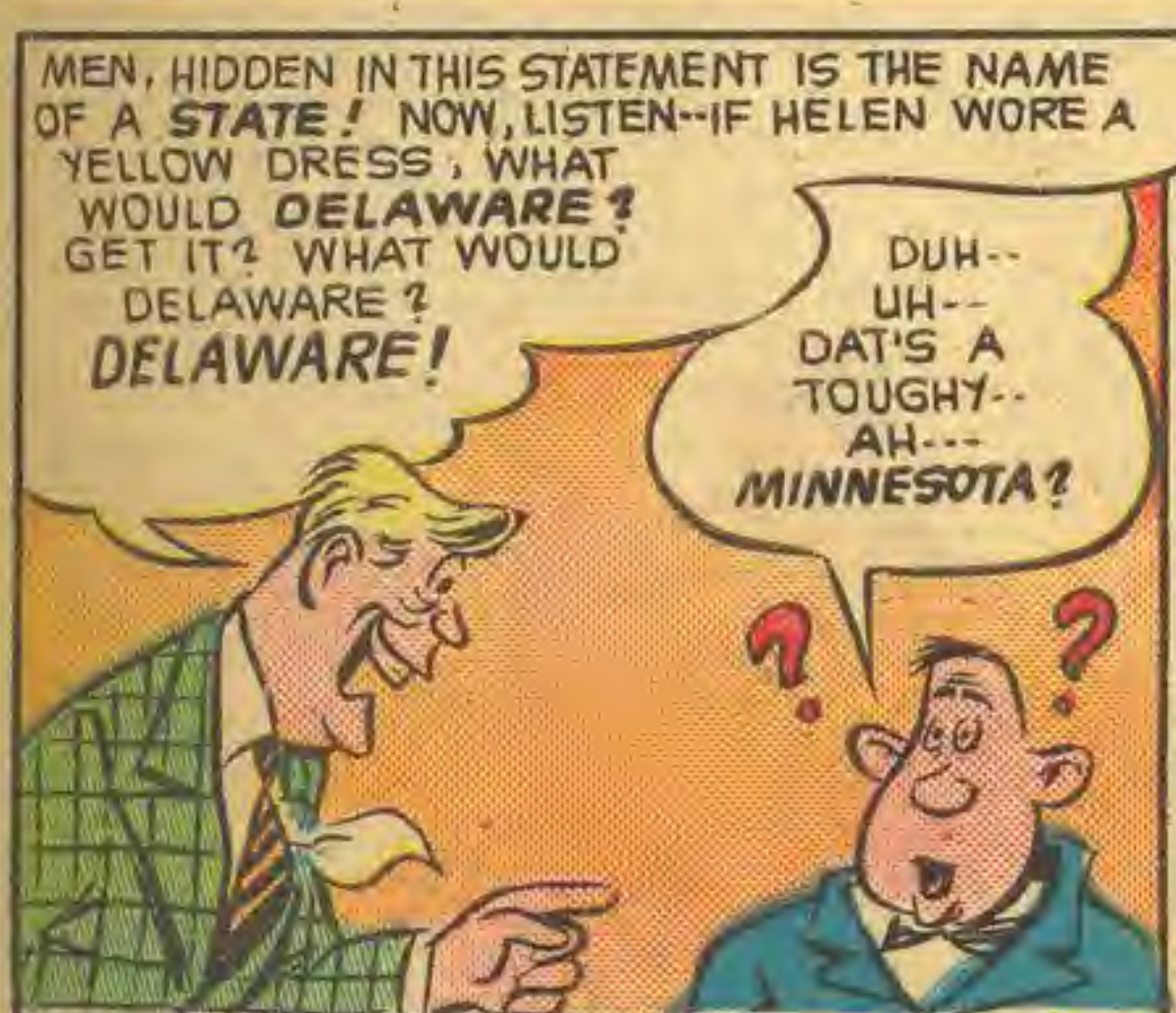
IF YOU DON'T MIND, SIR, I'LL GO ALONG AND HELP HIM STAND UP! YA SEE, THIS IS ONLY HIS SECOND DAY OUT OF HIS PLAY PEN, AND HE'S STILL A LITTLE UNSTEADY ON HIS FEET!



SO, 20 MINUTES LATER...

WE'RE DOWN TO OUR LAST TWO CONTESTANTS, FOLKS! THE NEXT QUESTION WILL DETERMINE THE WINNER!

HE'D BETTER HURRY! COOKIE IS SNAPPIN' OUT OF IT!



MEN, HIDDEN IN THIS STATEMENT IS THE NAME OF A STATE! NOW, LISTEN--IF HELEN WORE A YELLOW DRESS, WHAT WOULD DELAWARE? GET IT? WHAT WOULD DELAWARE? DELAWARE!

DUH--  
UH--  
DAT'S A TOUGHY--  
AH--  
MINNESOTA?



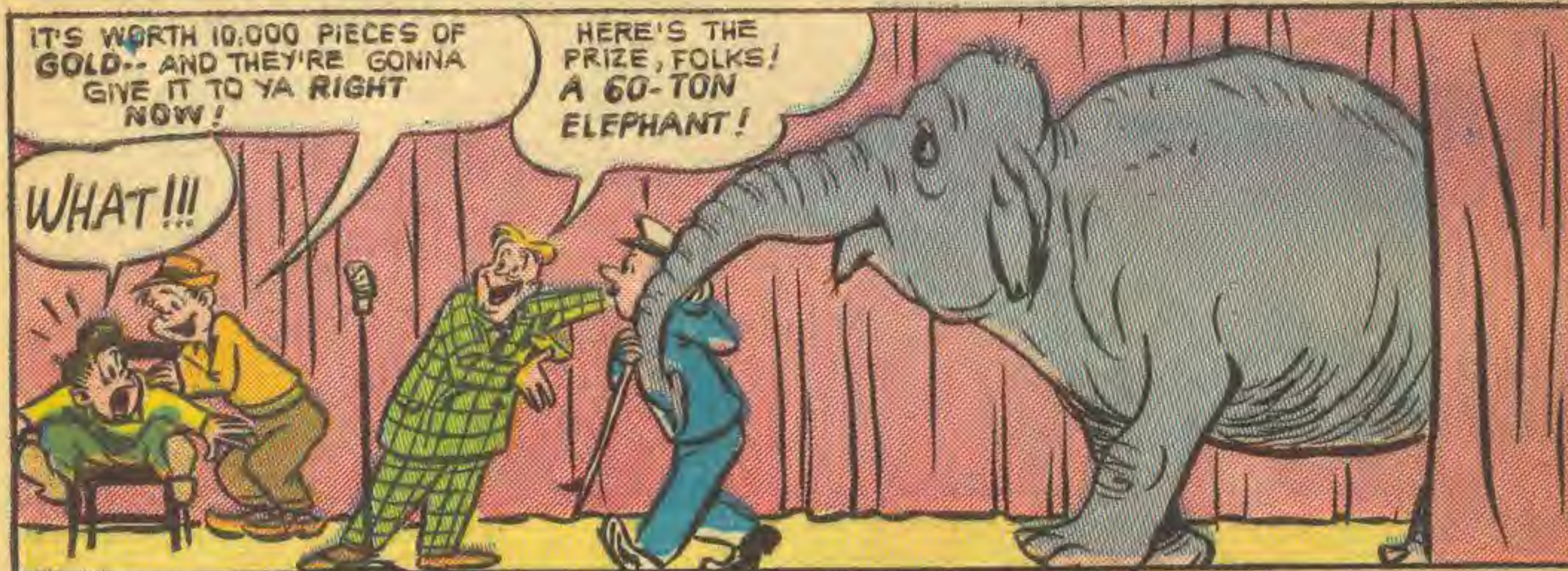
NO, I'M SORREE!-- NOW, YOUR ANSWER, O'TOOLE?

ANSWER, O'TOOLE!  
ANSWER!  
ANSWER!

OH, ANSWER--  
OKAY--  
HELLO!

HM?





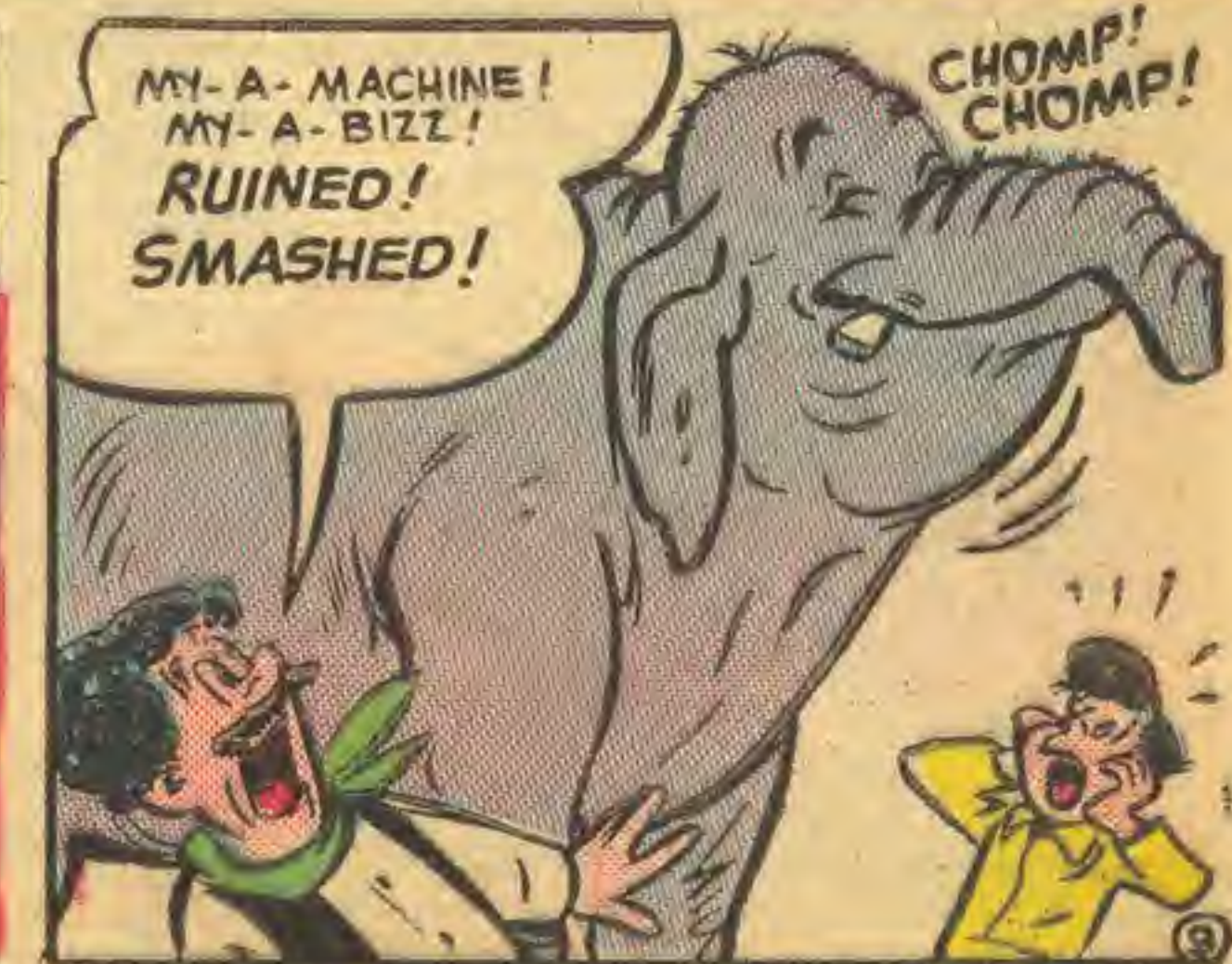
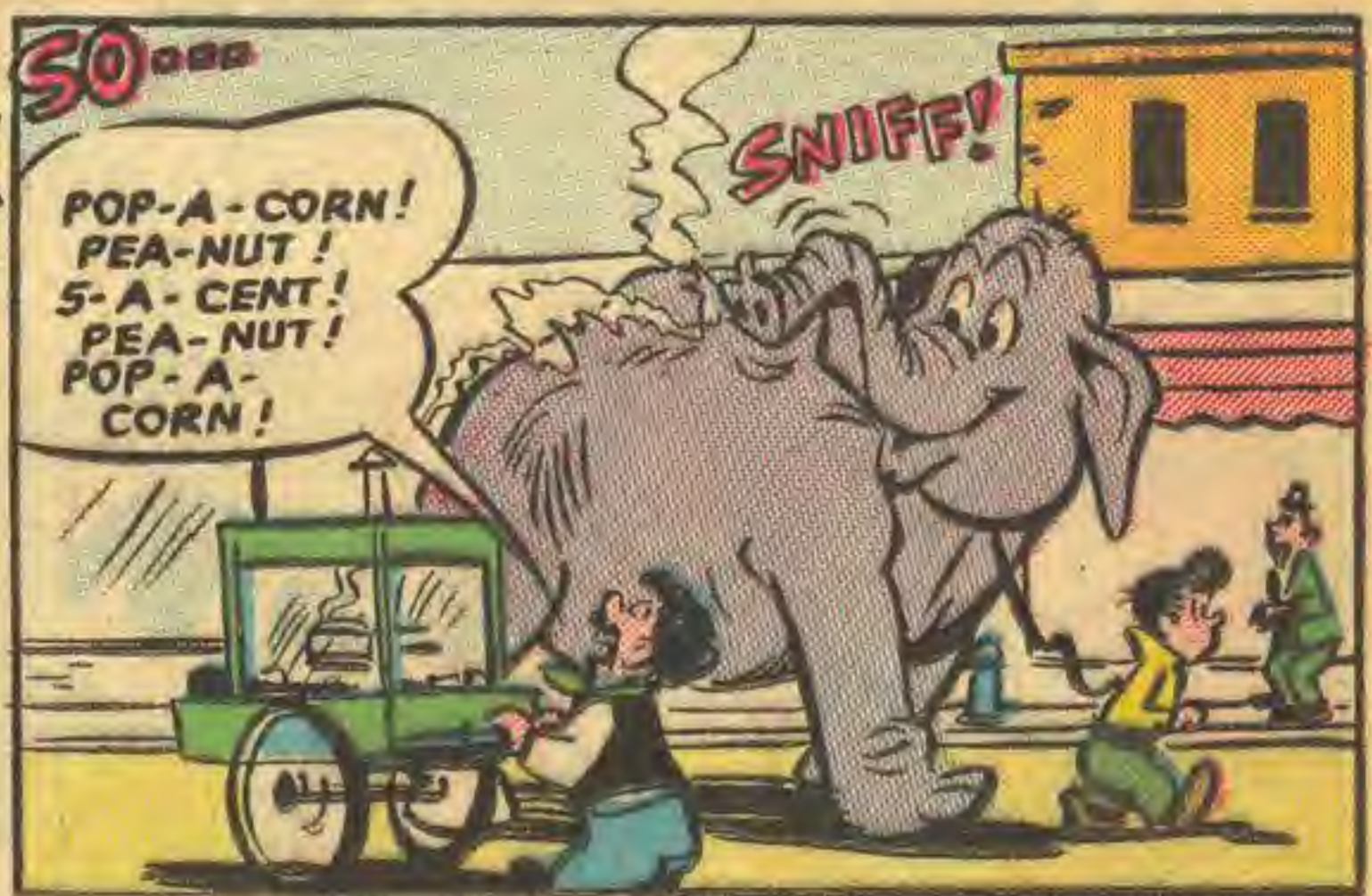
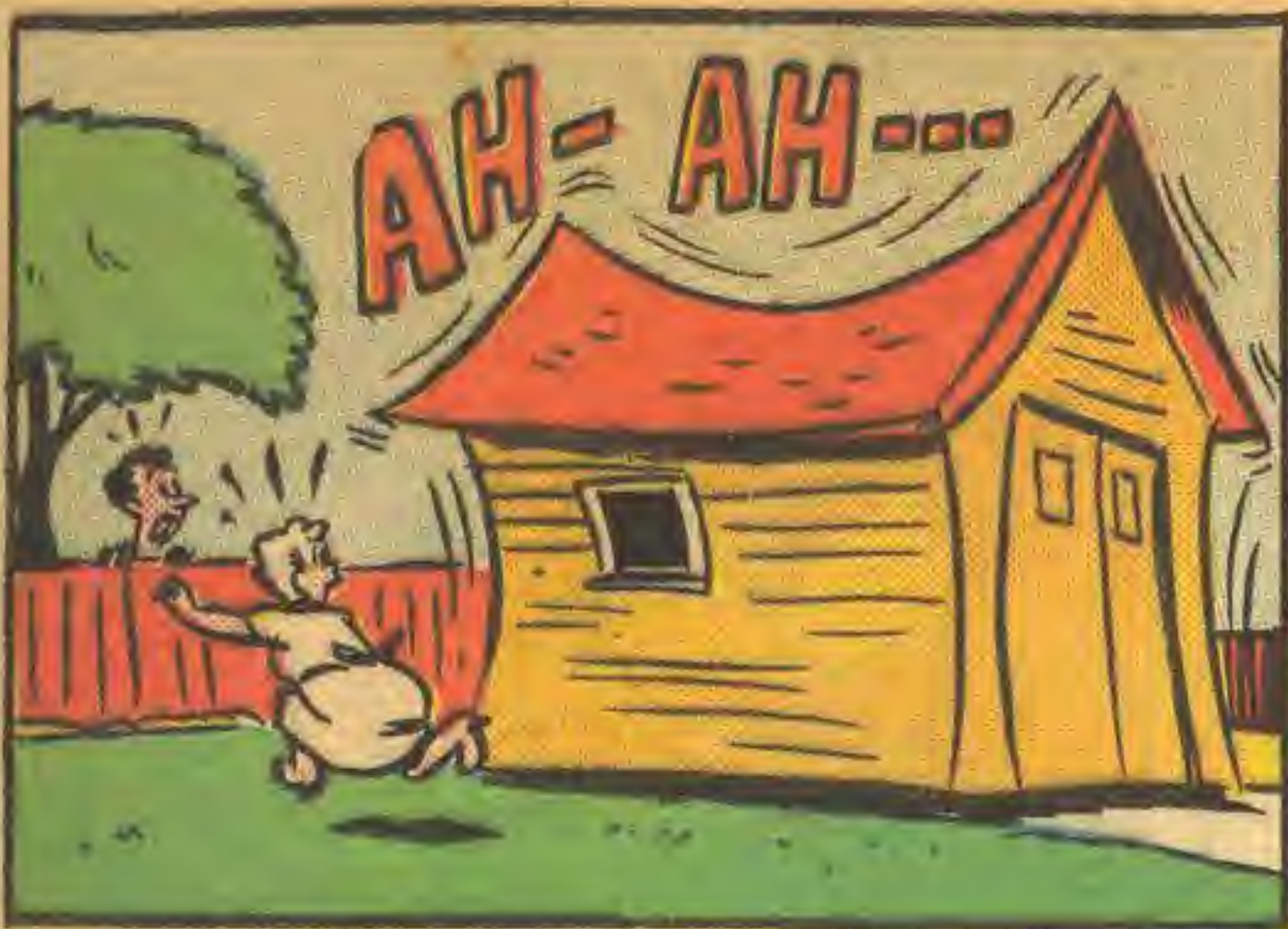










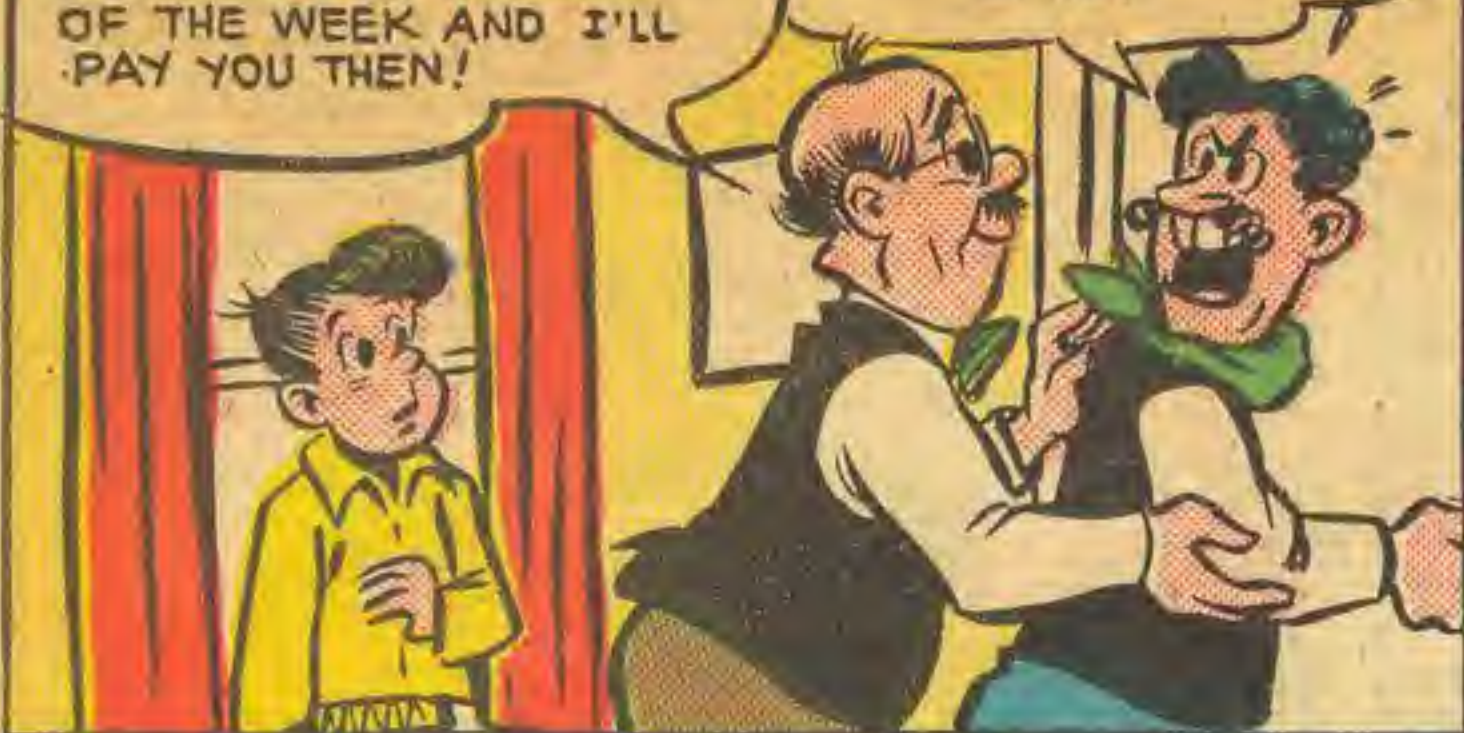




MINUTES LATER --

NOW DON'T WORRY, MY GOOD MAN! DROP BY THE HOUSE AT THE END OF THE WEEK AND I'LL PAY YOU THEN!

YOU BETCHA MY LIFE-A YOU PAY! \$300 YOU PAY, OR GO TO JAIL!



AND SO, FOR THE REST OF THE WEEK ---

WELL, THERE'S ANOTHER TON OF PEANUTS, MRS. O'TOOLE, AND THE BOSS WANTS TO KNOW WHEN WE GET OUR MONEY!

MY HUSBAND SAID TO TELL HIM TO COME BY THE END OF THE WEEK!



And...

LOOK AT MY LAWN, O'TOOLE! IT'S RUINED!

NOW, DON'T GET EXCITED, JONES! I'LL PAY FOR A NEW ONE BY THE END OF THE WEEK!



SO FINALLY, AT THE END OF THE WEEK ---

COOKIE, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY ZOO, I'M HAPPY TO GIVE YOU THIS CHECK FOR \$10,000!

GOLLY, THANKS, SIR!



NOW PAY ME FOR MY LAWN!

AND FOR 10 TONS OF PEANUTS!

HERE'S YOUR BILL FOR A NEW GARAGE!

OKAY! OKAY! ONE AT A TIME!

MY-A BIZZ! PAY UP FOR MY-A BIZZ!



Later--

WELL, MOM! COOKIE! IT WAS AN AWFUL LOT TO GO THROUGH, BUT IT WAS WORTH IT! WE GOT 10,000 BUCKS!

AND HOW MUCH DID IT COST US?



WELL, LET'S SEE! HMM!  $604 + 100 \div 4$  --- MUMBLE -- 39 -- CARRY 2 -- HMM --  $693 \div 7$  --- YE GODS! IT COST US 56 BUCKS MORE THAN WE GOT!

WELL, POP, COOKIE MAY HAVE PROVED HE WAS JERK OF THE WEEK ON THAT PROGRAM, BUT---



-- YOU PROVED YOU WERE JERK OF THE YEAR!

THE ONLY ONE WHO GOT ANYTHING OUT OF THIS HASSLE WAS BEDELIA! 10 TONS OF PEANUTS!





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# Hobo HI-JINX

**Z**OOT WAS GLUM as he dressed up for Cookie's birthday party. He didn't particularly relish the idea of going, because he knew that Angelpuss Witherspoon would ignore him all evening and would have eyes only for tonight's center of attraction...Cookie O'Toole. The only reason Zoot was determined to attend was that he had some faint hope that he'd be able to *spoil* the party somehow.

Yes, if only he could shame Cookie in Angel's eyes, so that she'd sneer at him and think he was beneath her...then he, Zoot, would have eliminated his strongest rival for Angel's affections. But how to do it...how?

That question was plaguing Zoot as he made his way out the front door of his home...and bumped square into the sorriest-looking, most bedraggled tramp he had ever seen. The hobo had just been about to ring the doorbell, but when he saw Zoot, he grinned toothlessly and clapped Zoot on the shoulders.

"Hiya, son! I'm..."

"You're the answer to my prayers!" Zoot cried as a sudden idea struck him. "You don't have to say a word...I know that you're hungry and you want a hand-out...and I'm going to make sure that you get the biggest feed of your life!"

"That's shore kind o' ya, son," the tramp said. "I'm proud ta say that I'm..."

"Never mind thanking me," Zoot interrupted impatiently. "Just listen to my instructions. I'm taking you to a party where you'll have all the food and drink you want...all you have to do in exchange is say that you're Mr. O'Toole's long-lost brother, come home at last!"

The tramp scratched his week-old beard with a dirty fingernail, and said in bewilderment, "Wal, I'm hungry enuf ta do anythin' fer a square meal...but it's shore funny fer ya ta ask me ta say

m'name's O'Toole, when I'm really..."

"I don't care *who* you really are!" Zoot shouted. "Now come on...the party's probably started already!"

While driving at top speed toward Cookie's house, Zoot was exuberant. When Angelpuss learned about Cookie's hobo uncle, she'd refuse to listen to any denials from the O'Tooles...she'd think they were just too ashamed to admit any kinship to the black sheep of the O'Toole family. And she'd be contemptuous of Cookie himself...she'd never let the fair Witherspoon name be besmirched by associating herself with a boy from such a family. And then he, Zoot, would be right there to take Angelpuss away, casually reminding her that *his* family record was a noble one!

When Cookie opened the door of his house in response to Zoot's ring, Zoot pushed the tramp right inside and said, "Here's a birthday present for you, Cookie!"

Instantly, Angelpuss and all the other guests crowded around to peer curiously at the tramp. "Go on, tell 'em who you are," Zoot urged the hobo.

"Ya mean, tell 'em who I *really* am?" the hobo asked.

"Of course," Zoot said impatiently.

The tramp shrugged. "Wal, ya asked me ta say m'name was O'Toole...but now that ya want me ta tell da *truth*, I'm really *your* uncle, son!"

At this point, the tramp clapped the horrified Zoot on his back, and continued, "Yup, the moment I saw ya at yore house, I knew ya were m'nephew...cuz ye're the image o' m'brother!"

"Oh, Zoot!" Angelpuss cried. "A tramp in your family? How awful!"

"Bab!" said Zoot. "Let's get out of here, *uncle*!"



# STARLET O'HARA

## IN HOLLYWOOD

HOLY COW, STARLET! DON'T TELL ME **ANOTHER** LOAD OF FAN MAIL'S COME IN!--I JUST FINISHED DELIVERING THAT BATCH THAT CAME THIS MORNING, AND I'M **WOOFED!**

**RELAX, FRITZI!** WE'LL HAVE LUNCH AT THE STUDIO COMMISSARY, AND I'LL HELP YOU WITH IT THIS AFTER-NOON!



OKAY, LET'S GO! MAYBE AFTER I EAT SOMETHING, I'LL FEEL A LITTLE STRONGER! **RIGHT NOW,** I'D SWEAR A TRANS-FUSION WOULDN'T HELP ME!

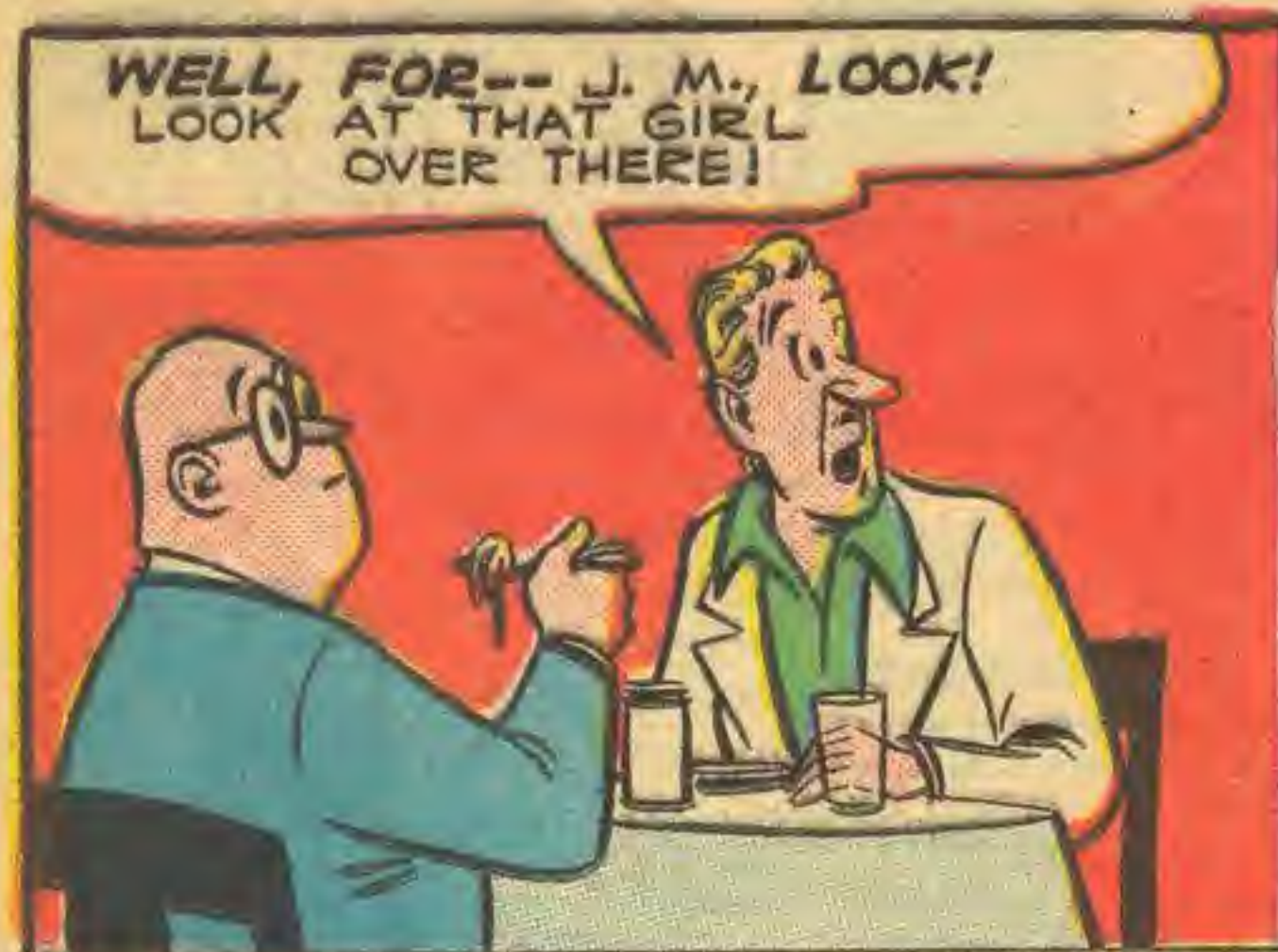
YOU GOTTA TAKE THE BITTER WITH THE SWEET, REMEMBER! AFTER ALL, WE TOOK THESE JOBS IN THE STUDIO MAIL ROOM IN THE HOPE WE'D GET A BREAK IN PICTURES!

YEAH? WELL, SO FAR, THE ONLY BREAK I'VE GOT IS IN MY **ARCHES!**

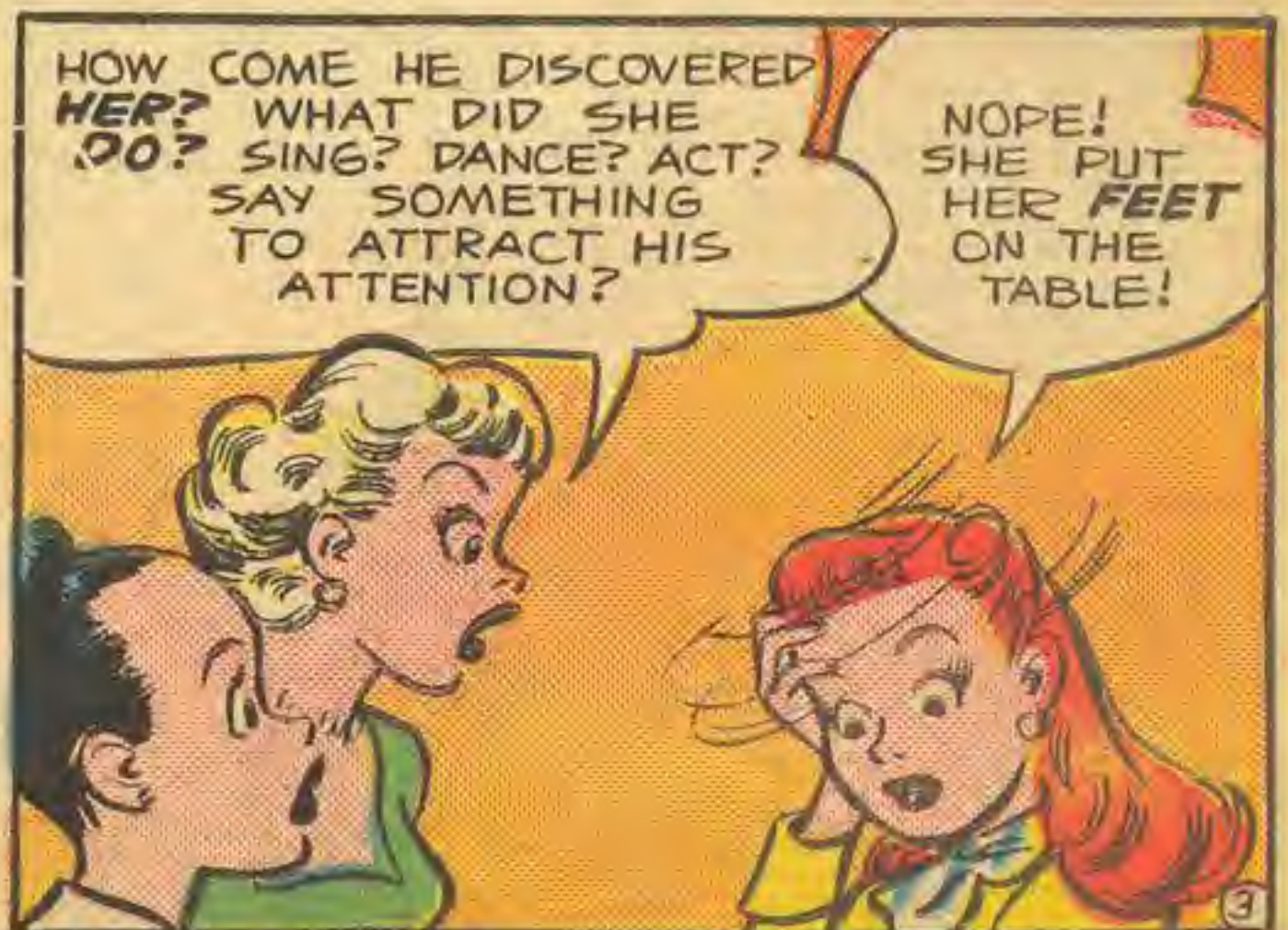
OH, YOU'RE STRETCHING IT, FRITZI! IT'S NOT **THAT** BAD!



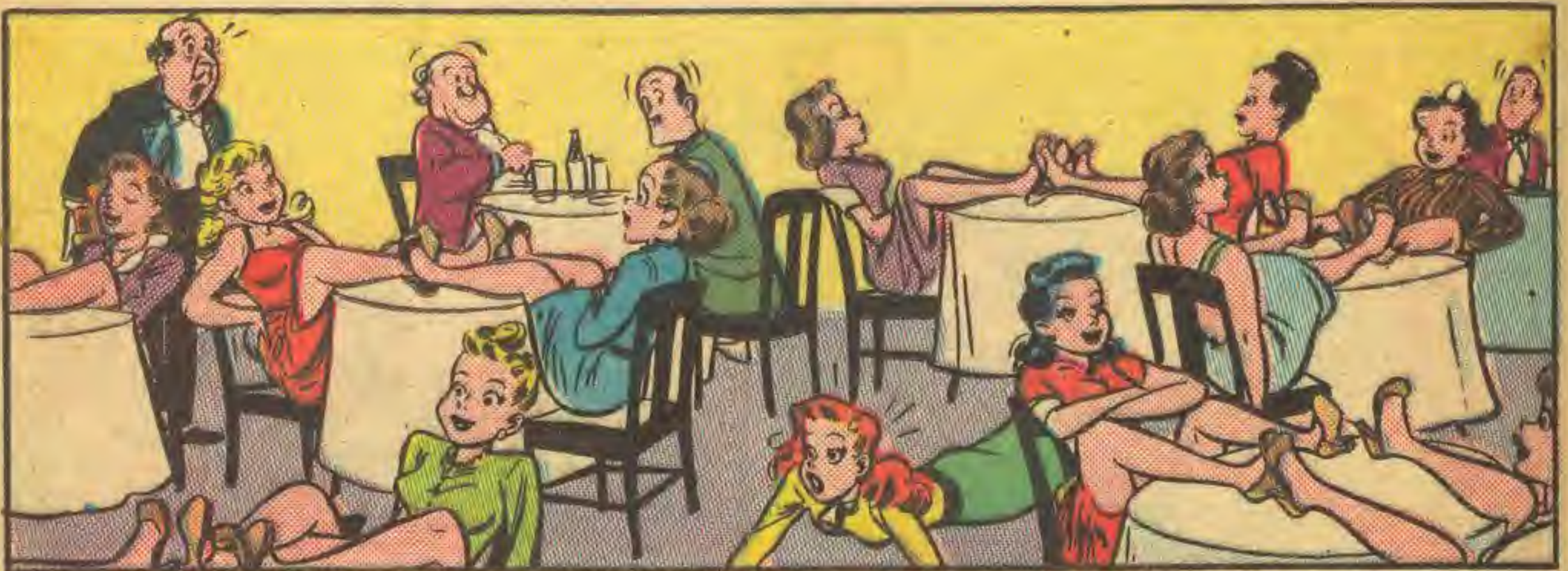
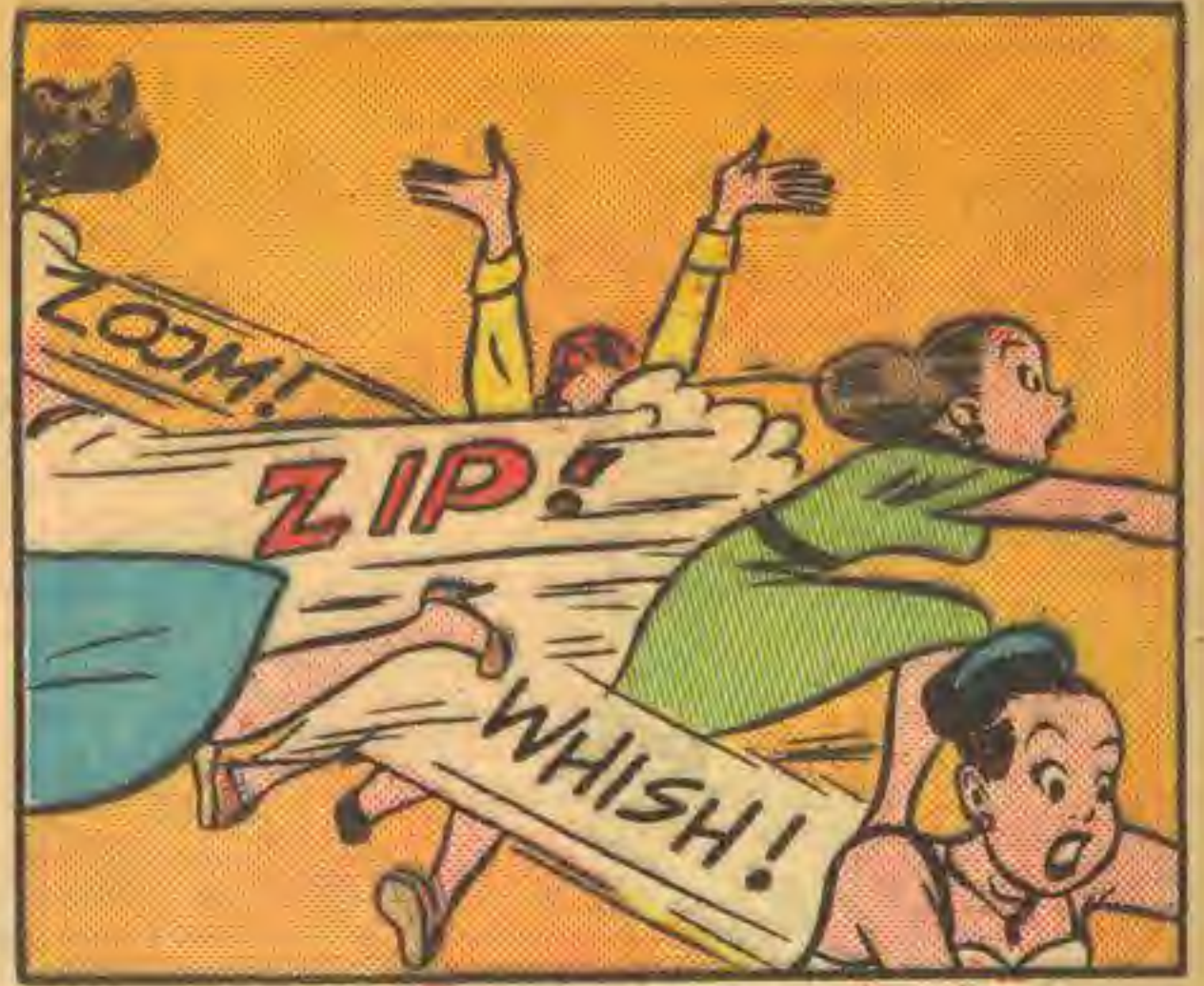




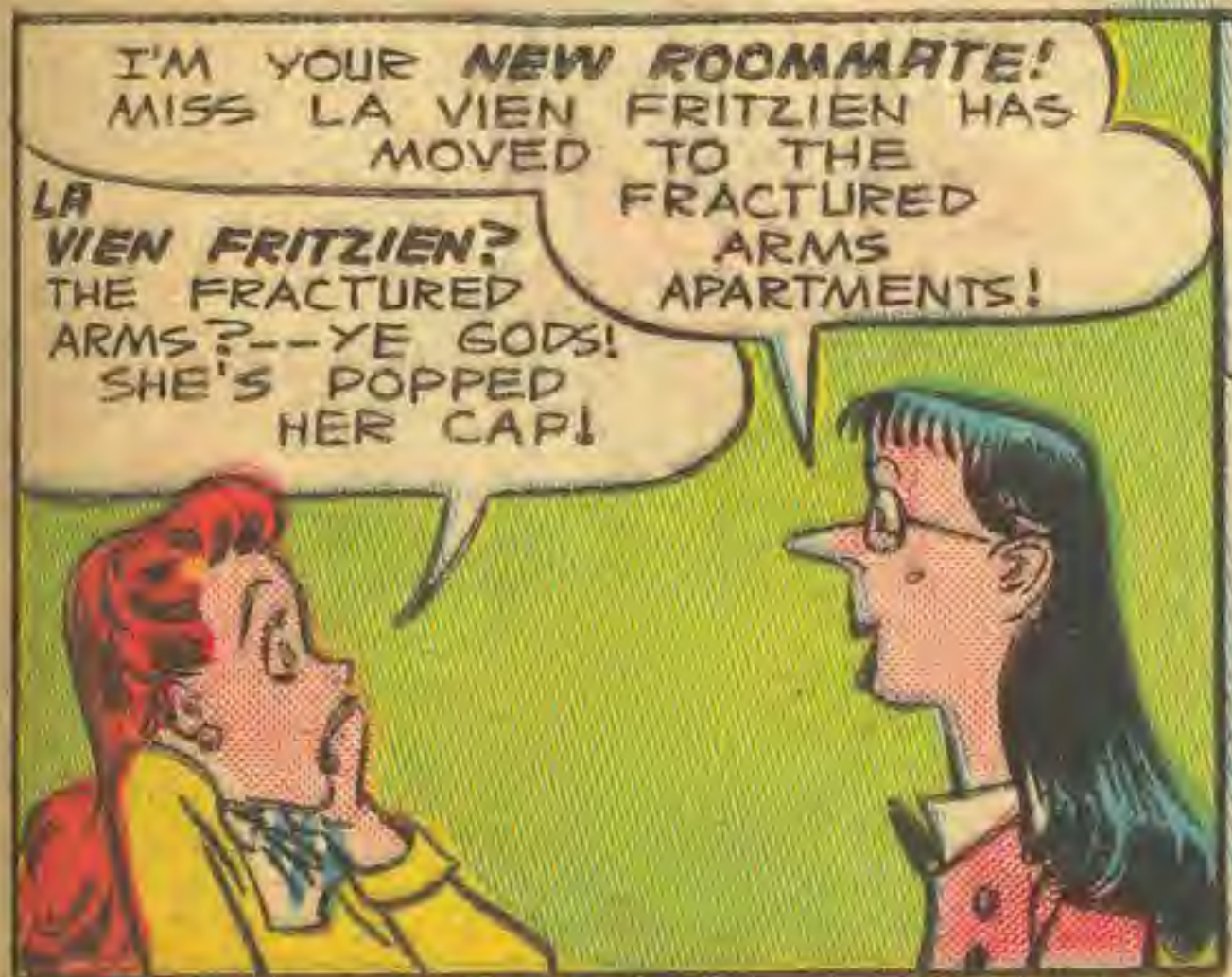
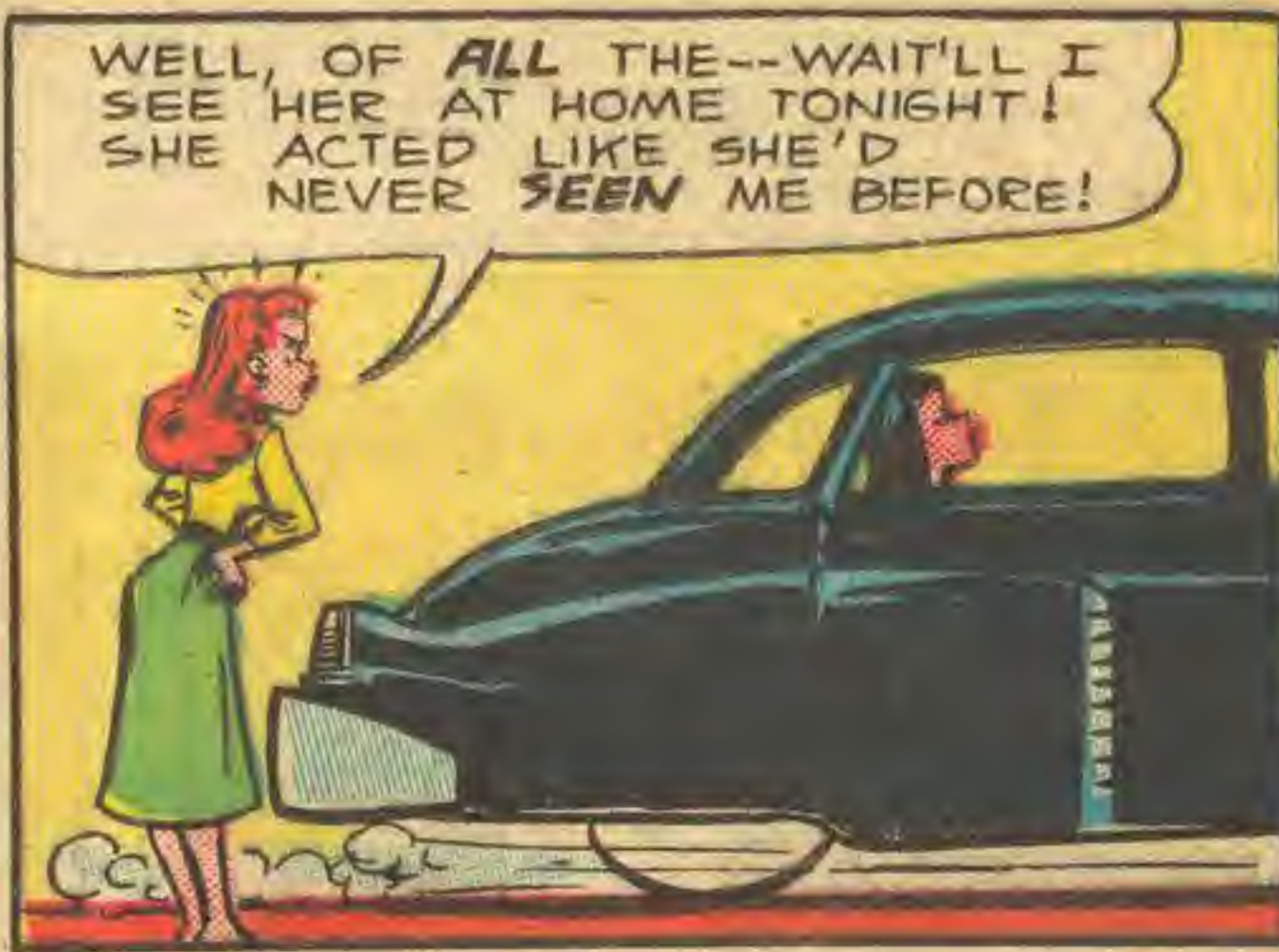




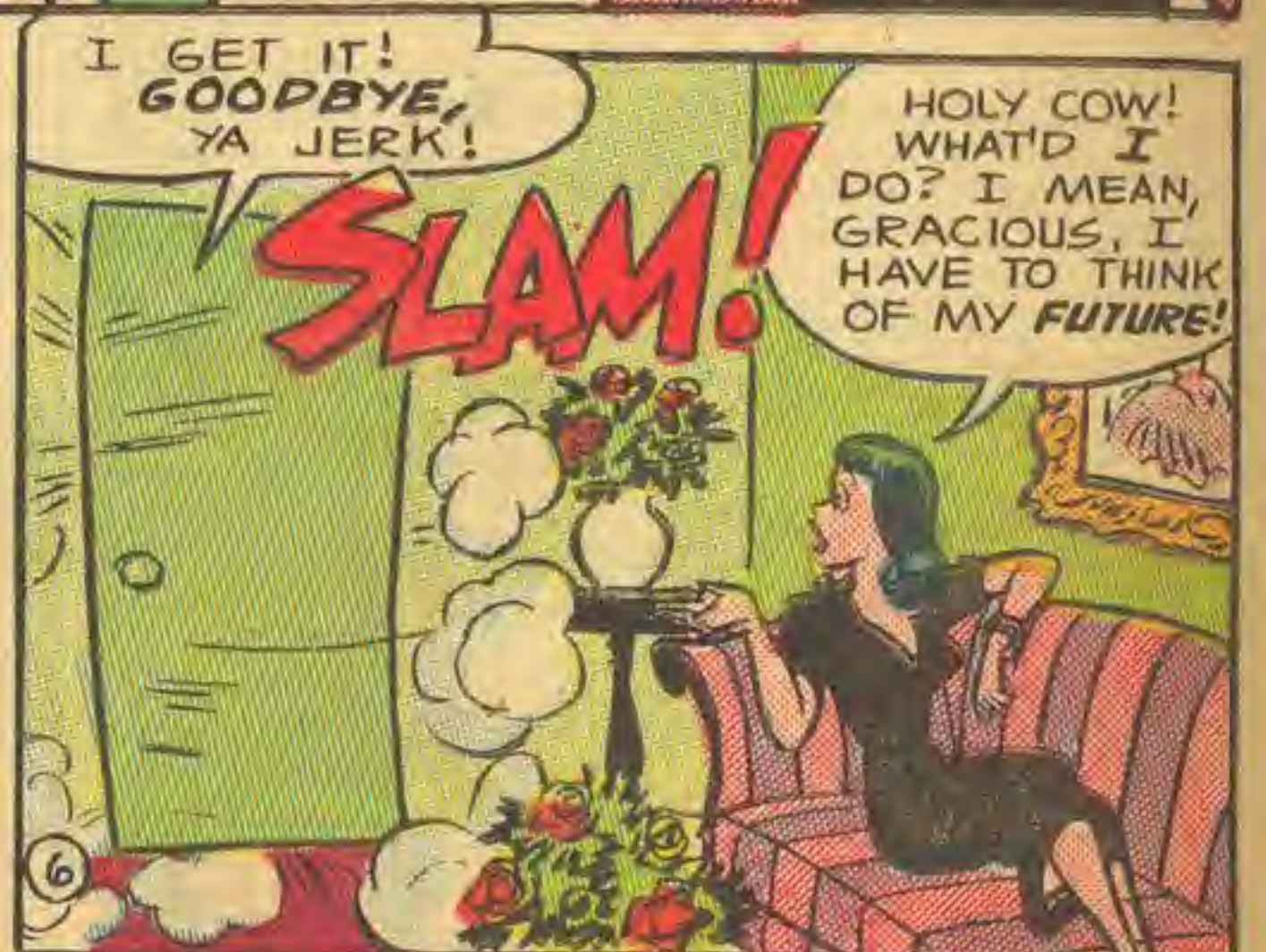
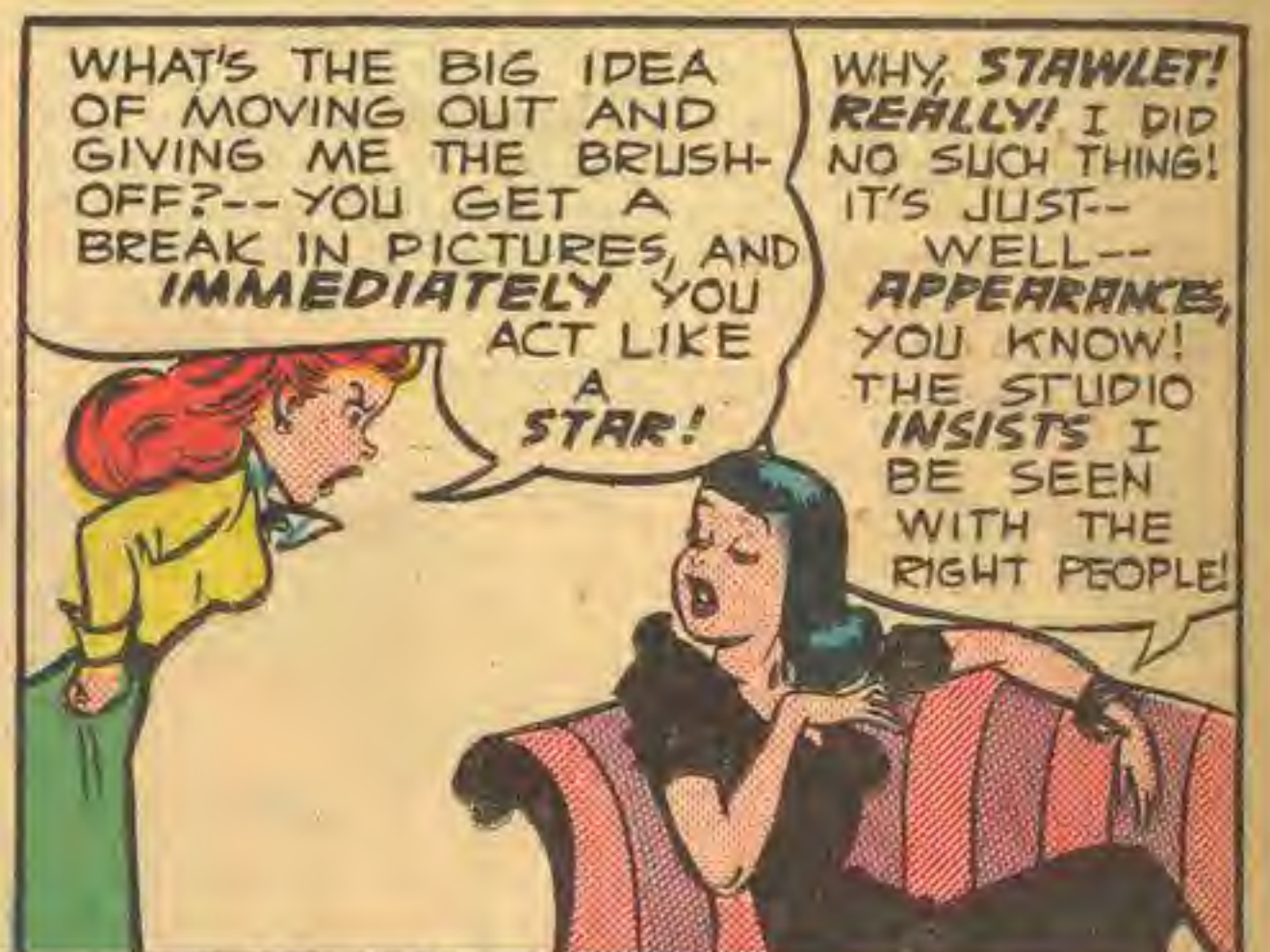








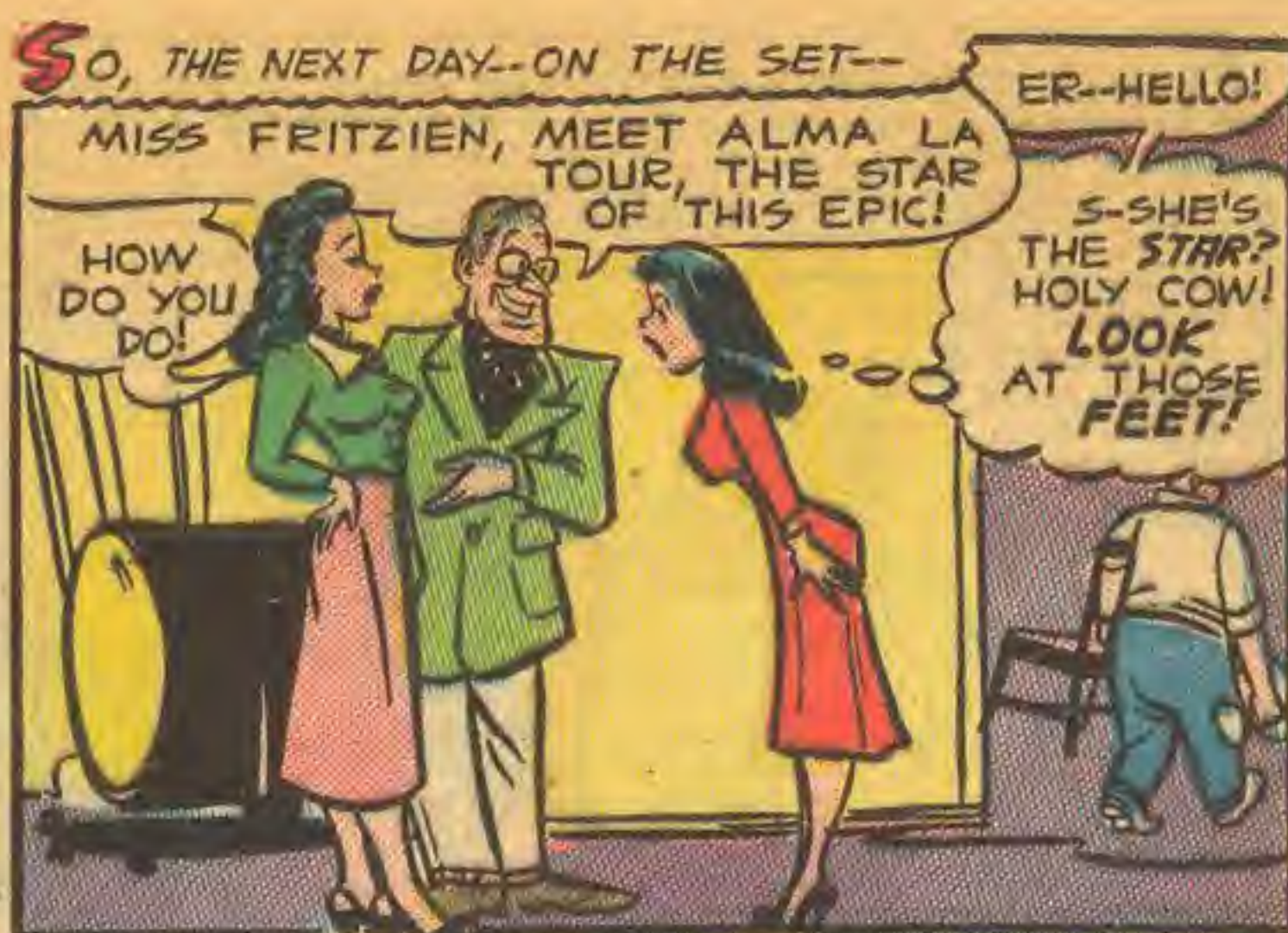








AFTER ALL, ONCE THE PUBLIC SEES ME, I'LL BE A **STAR!** AND A **STAR** CAN'T HAVE JUST **ANYBODY** FOR A FRIEND! HM! MAYBE I CAN GIVE STARLET A JOB AS MY MAID AFTER MY FIRST PICTURE--AND THEN SHE WON'T BE **MAD** ANYMORE!



SO, THE NEXT DAY--ON THE SET--  
MISS FRITZIEN, MEET ALMA LA TOUR, THE STAR OF THIS EPIC!

HOW DO YOU DO!

ER--HELLO!

S-SHE'S THE **STAR?** HOLY COW! LOOK AT THOSE **FEET!**



ALL RIGHT, QUIET--**QUIET!** --MISS FRITZIEN, YOU WILL WALK UP THE STAIRS OVER THERE AND THEN PAUSE! --GOT IT?

YES, SIR!



OKAY! GET READY TO ROLL!



GOOD! GOOD!--**CUT!** NOW WE MOVE ONTO SET 7, WHERE YOU'LL WALK DOWN A **DIFFERENT** STAIRWAY, MISS FRITZIEN!

A--**DIFFERENT--STAIRWAY?**



12 HOURS LATER-- GREAT! CUT IT AND CAN IT! WE'LL SHOOT SCENE 20 NOW, WHERE SHE **WALKS UP THE STONE CASTLE STEPS!**

**MORE??**



**JUST A MINUTE!** I'VE WALKED UP AND DOWN OVER 50 STAIRS! BUT I HAVEN'T **SAID A WORD!** WHAT'S THIS FILM ALL ABOUT?

THE TITLE OF THE PICTURE IS **"FOOTSTEPS ON THE STAIRS"**-- DOES THAT ANSWER YOUR QUESTION?



**YEAH!-- YEAH!** HEY, I'VE GOT A BIGGER PART IN THIS PICTURE THAN THE **STAR!**

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**FINALLY, THE BIG NIGHT OF THE PREMIERE!**

COME ON, MARIAN! I'VE GOT TICKETS TO THE PREMIERE OF FRITZI'S PICTURE!

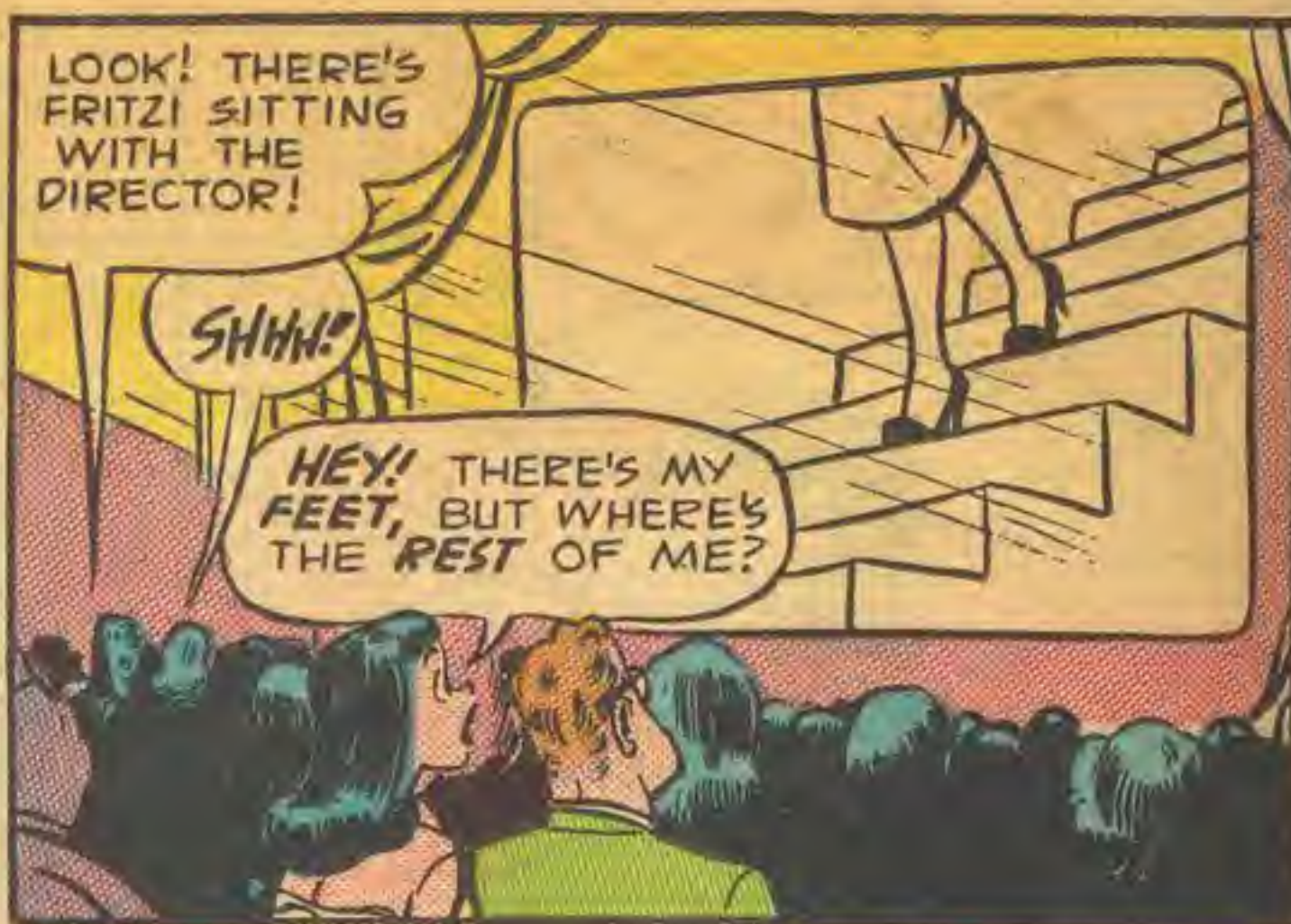
OKAY, STARLET!



LOOK! THERE'S FRITZI SITTING WITH THE DIRECTOR!

SHHH!

HEY! THERE'S MY FEET, BUT WHERE'S THE REST OF ME?



WHY, THERE *ISN'T* ANY REST OF YOU! YOU SEE, YOUR **FEET** IN THIS PICTURE ARE **SUPPOSED** TO BE THOSE OF THE **STAR!** --AFTER ALL, WE COULDN'T LET THE PUBLIC SEE THOSE DOGS OF **HERS!**

AND WHEN J. M. SPOTTED **YOURS**, THEY WERE **PERFECT** TO USE AS DOUBLES!

???



YOUR **FEET** ARE A **BIG SUCCESS**, MY DEAR!

AND WORTH **EVERY DIME** OF THE **HUNDRED DOLLARS A WEEK** WE'LL PAY YOU FOR THEM!



**WHY, YOU NO-GOOD, CHEAP, CHISELING, MEAN JERKS!** YOU'VE MADE A **FOOL** OUT OF ME AND LED ME TO BELIEVE I HAD A **BIG PART** IN THIS PICTURE!



**THIS** FOR YOU AND YOUR CONTRACT! I WOULDN'T WORK FOR YOU AGAIN IF YOU STARRED MY FEET **AND HANDS!**



**SO, SOMETIME LATER--**

AW! **PLEASE**, STARLET! LEMME MOVE BACK IN WITH YOU! I ADMIT I WAS WRONG AND I APOLOGIZE!

HMM!--WELL, YOU **DID** TELL THEM OFF, WHICH SHOWED YOU HAD **SPUNK**, IF NOTHING ELSE!--OKAY, ON **ONE CONDITION**, FRITZI!



**5,000 TIMES**, STARLET?

THAT'S RIGHT! EITHER YOU SCRIBBLE "**I'M A JERK**" **5,000 TIMES**, OR YOU DON'T MOVE BACK!





# Petey

HEY, JAZZY!  
HOW ABOUT LENDIN'  
ME SOME LOOT? ALL  
I'VE GOT IS A NICKEL, AND  
I WANTA GET AN **H-  
BOMB SUNDAE!**

GET LOST,  
LUNKHEAD!  
WODDYA THINK  
I AM, THE  
MINT?

MAC, I'M  
DYIN' FOR A BIG  
FAT MESS OF  
**ICE CREAM--**  
HOW MUCH CAN  
I GET FOR  
FIVE CENTS?

Y' CAN  
GET A  
**CONE** FOR  
A NICKEL!

HOW MUCH ICE CREAM  
IS **THAT**?

ONE SCOOP FULL!

ONE **SCOOP FULL**,  
HUH?---LOOK, COULD  
I **DIP IT OUT MYSELF?**  
THE SCOOP FULL,  
I MEAN!

BUT ONLY  
**ONE**  
**SCOOP FULL**,  
REMEMBER!

OKAY! JUST  
A SEC, AND  
I'LL BE  
RIGHT  
BACK!

OKAY, I'M BACK WITH THE  
**SCOOP!** TAKE THE LID OFF  
THE ICE CREAM CAN!

THAT ISN'T THE  
KIND OF **SCOOP**  
**FULL**, I MEANT,  
JERK! GET  
LOST!

OH, WELL! IT  
WAS A GOOD  
IDEA, ANYWAY!

**WHOP** ★

THE END





## and the GLORIOUS GIRL

THEY WERE SEATED around a small table at the Soda Jerkerie, Cookie, Angelpuss Witherspoon and Jitterbuck Jones. And Angel and Cookie were plying Jit with double-malts... free!

"Please, please!" Angel pleaded with Jit. "It's only *one* date...just for tonight! If you won't date her, I don't know what I'll do! I *promised*!"

"Don't be a heel, Jit!" Cookie added his voice to the argument. "It's a big favor to Angel, dating her cousin. Come on, pal!"

"Pal, nuthin'! I ain't dating any chick named Petunia Untermacher! Boy, I can see her already...short, fat, stringy hair..."

"Jit, please! She'll be here any *second*!" Angel's voice was urgent.

"I should say *not*! Any girl with a name like Petunia Untermacher has *got* to be double-ugly! I'll bet she..." Jit stopped talking as his eyes widened.

There was a girl...a *glorious* girl... a *beautiful* girl...opening the door to the Soda Jerkerie. She was coming in, a tidy little brunette with sparkling eyes and wavy brown hair! She looked uncertainly around and then, smiling,

walked towards *their* table!

Jit's heart began to pound. "I am a heel!" he said. "I mean I *was*! I've changed my mind, Angel! I'll be happy to date your cousin!"

"Jit, you're wonderful!" Angel said gratefully.

"You're a pal!" Cookie added his thanks.

She was coming closer now, the glorious girl. She...she was almost at their table! Jit gulped...and gulped again. She had *passed* their table, and was exchanging melodic greeting with a gang in one of the booths.

And the door to the Jerkerie was opening again.

"Petunia!" Angel cried.

"Angelpuss!" cried her cousin.

"Murder!" cried Jit.

"Jitterbuck, I'd like you to meet my cousin, Petunia Untermacher," Angel said. "You know...your date!"

Jit counted silently to ten, as he took in the short fat figure topped by a mop of hair. "I feel as though we've already met," he said finally.

"Oh, aren't you *thweet*!" lisped Petunia. "Ess, oo is!"

"Why," Jit asked himself, groaning, does it always happen to *me*?"

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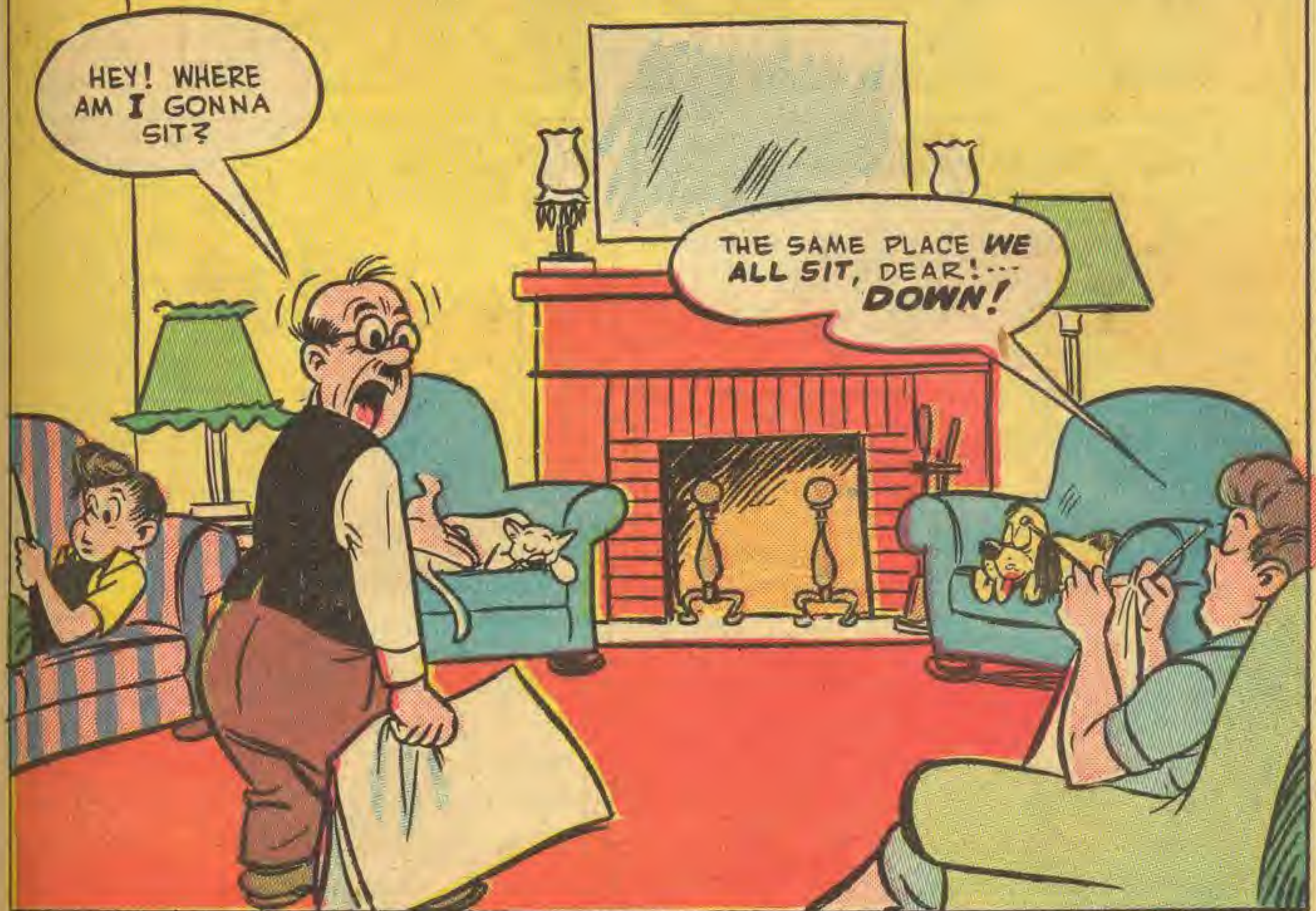
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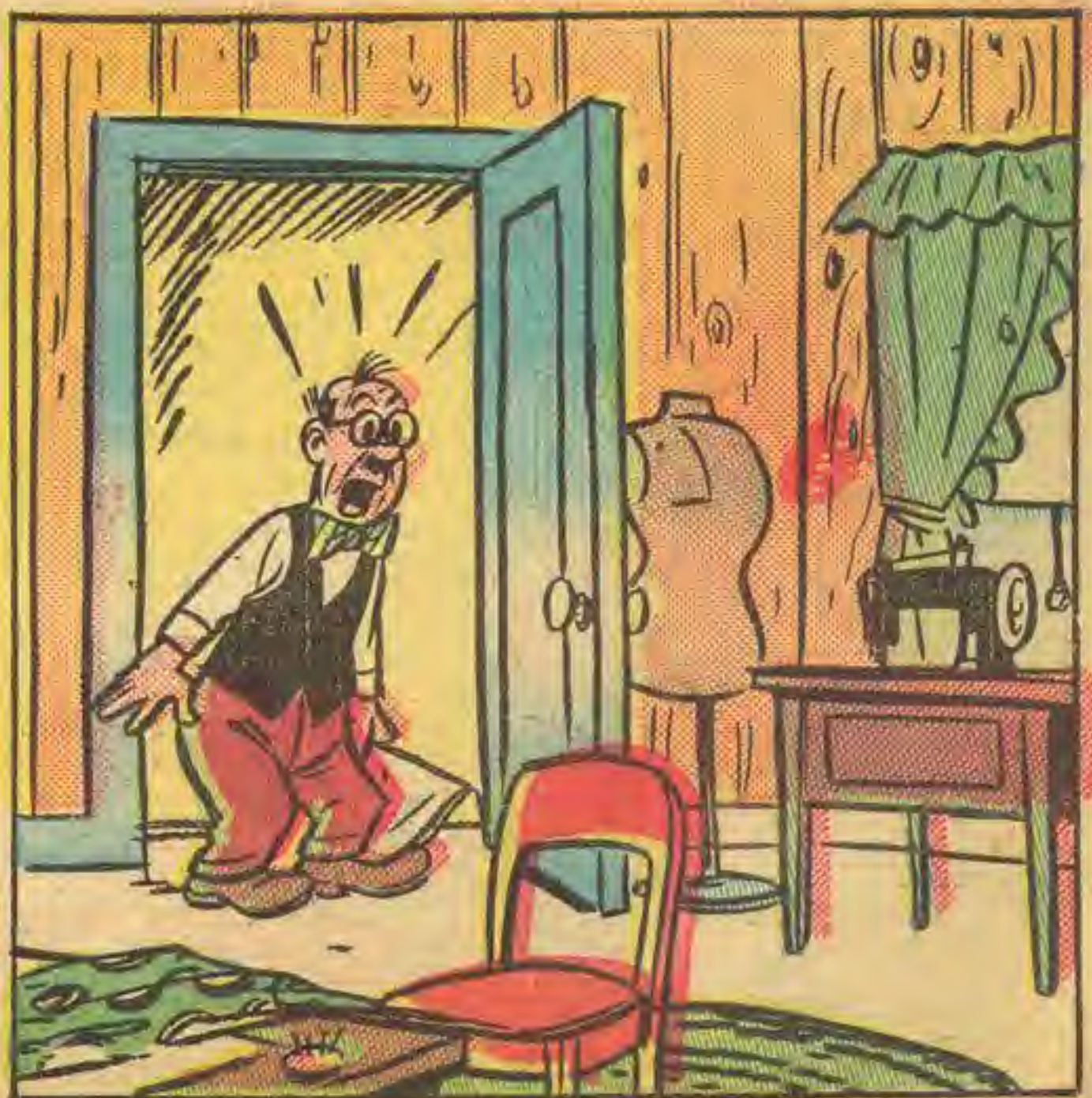
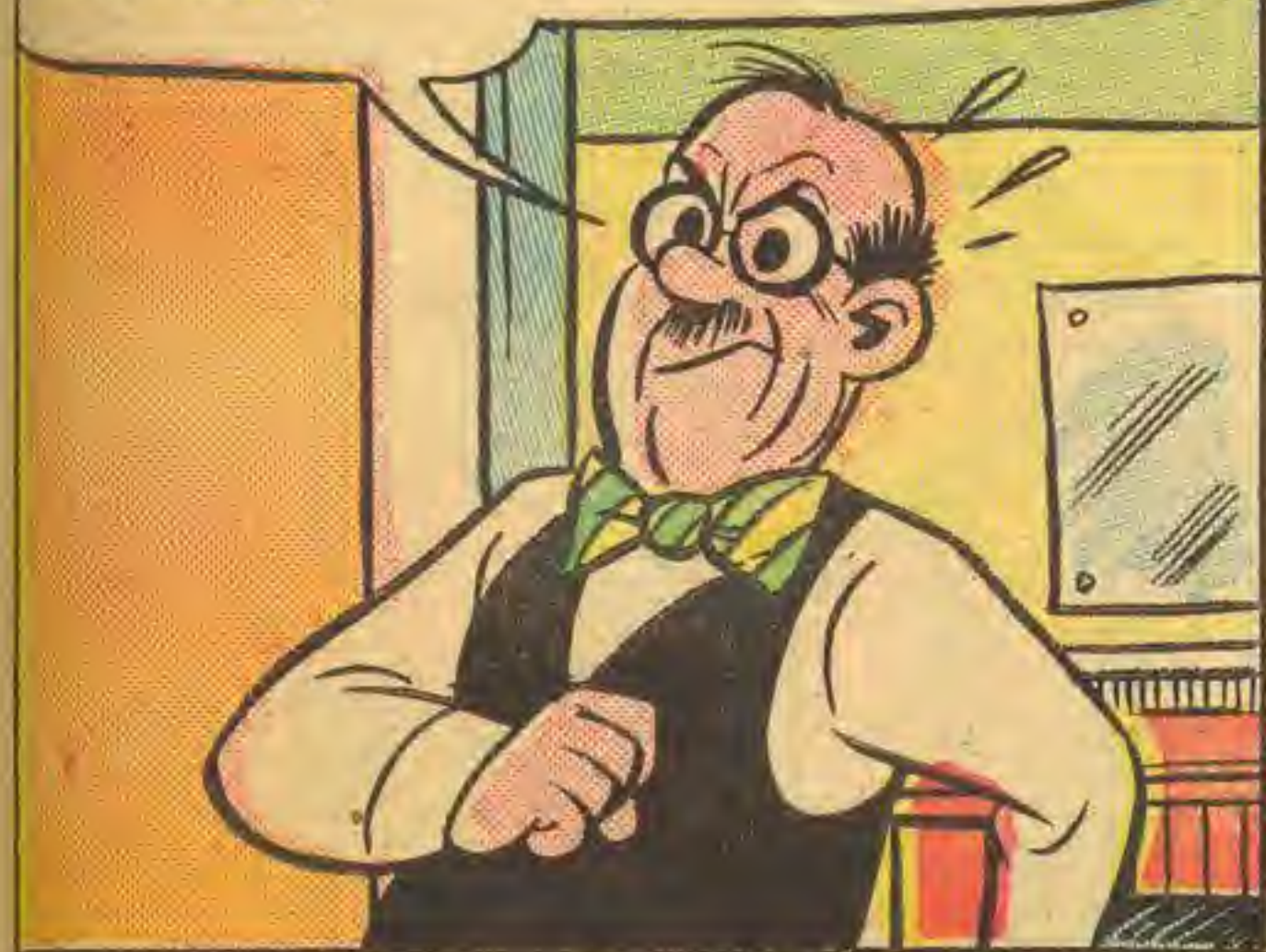
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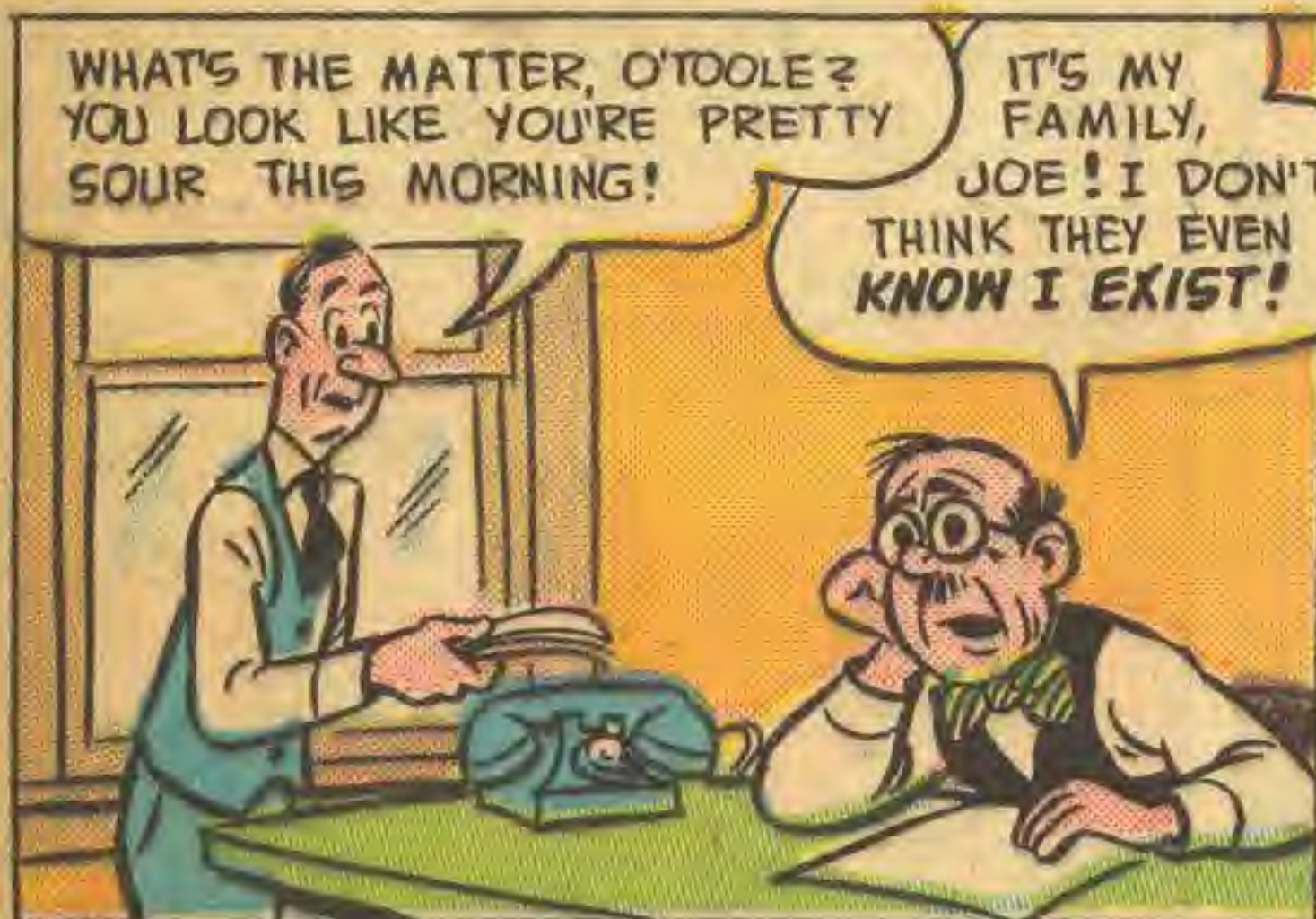
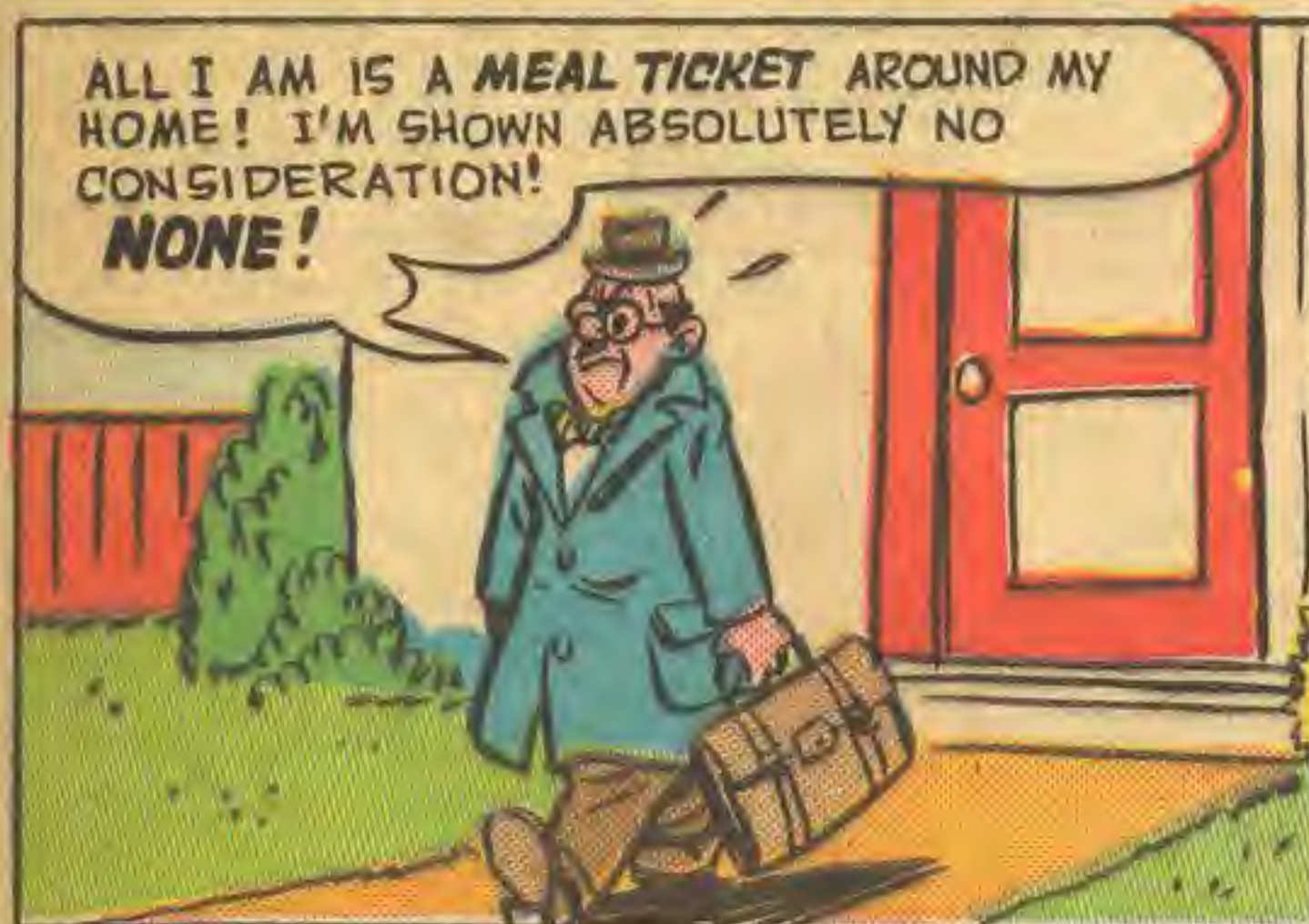
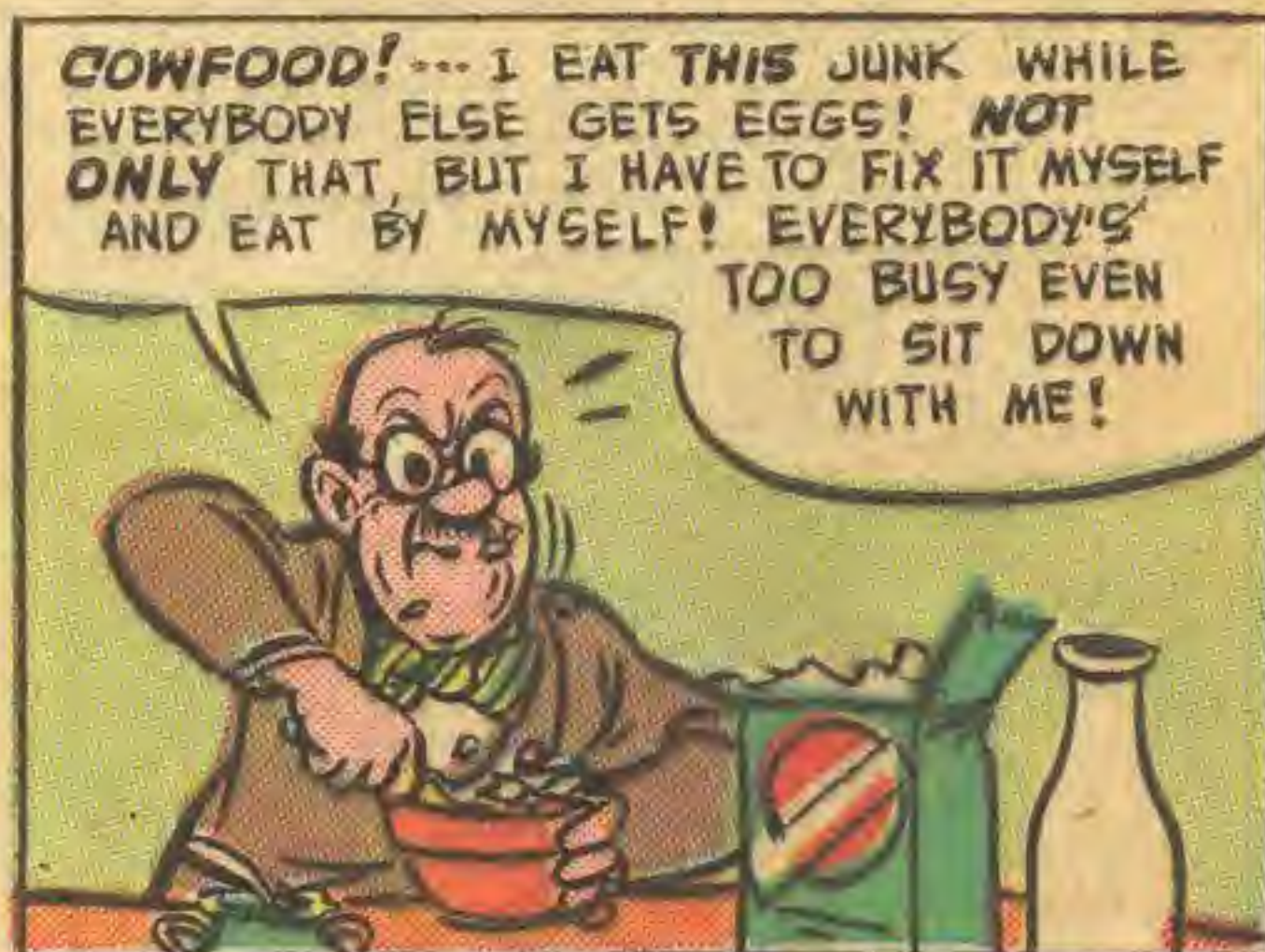
YOU'D THINK THE HEAD OF THE HOUSE WOULD **AT LEAST** HAVE A PLACE TO SIT DOWN WHEN HE GETS HOME FROM WORK! --- GUESS I'LL HAVE TO GO TO MY DEN!















WODDEYA MEAN?

JUST THIS! GO ON A VACATION, BUT DON'T TELL THEM ABOUT IT IN ADVANCE---AND DON'T TELL THEM *WHERE*! --- JUST PACK UP AND *GO*! LEAVE 'EM A NOTE--- AND *THAT'S ALL*!



MAKE SURE THEY CAN'T CHECK ON YOU! CHANGE YOUR NAME IF YOU HAVE TO! THEN THEY'LL HAVE TO GET ALONG WITHOUT YOU---AND THEY WON'T BE ABLE TO RUN TO *YOU* WHEN THINGS GET TOUGH!

BY GEORGE, I'LL *DO* IT! I'LL LET *THEM* SWEAT IT OUT *ALONE*! THEN MAYBE THEY'LL REALIZE HOW *IMPORTANT* I AM!

SO THAT AFTERNOON---



HEH! HEH! NOBODY WAS HOME, SO I HAD CLEAR SAILING! --- WELL, THERE'S THE NOTE---SO *I'M OFF*!



LESSEE, WHERE'LL I GO? --- UP TO BASS LAKE? --- NO, I CAN'T DO *THAT*! THAT'S THE FIRST PLACE THEY'D THINK OF! IN FACT, MOST *ANY PLACE* I GO I'LL BE RECOGNIZED!



BY JINGO, I KNOW WHAT I'LL DO! I'LL TAKE THE CAR TO A GARAGE, LEAVE IT, AND THEN BECOME A *KNIGHT OF THE ROAD*! --- A *HOBO*! THEY'LL NEVER FIND ME!



DON'T WANT THIS GUY TO RECOGNIZE ME!

ER---JUST KEEP IT HERE 'TIL I PICK IT UP, FRIEND!

YES, SIR!

ALL DAY PARKING



HOWDY, FRIEND! GOT ROOM AROUND THAT FIRE FOR A FELLOW KNIGHT OF THE ROAD?

HUH?



LOOK, MISTER! *YOUSE* DON'T LOOK LIKE NO BUM TA ME! --- WHAT'S DA PITCH?

WELL, CAN YOU KEEP A SECRETZ?

SURE! WHAT'D *YOUSE* DO, BUMP SOMEBODY OFF?

NO! NO! NOTHING LIKE THAT!





LET'S GRAB DAT FREIGHT AND YOUSELL TELL ME ALL ABOUT IT WHILE WE ROLL OUTA TOWN!

SWELL! BY GEORGE, I THINK I'M GONNA ENJOY THIS!



COOKIE, PLEASE CALL YOUR FATHER AND TELL HIM SUPPER'S READY!

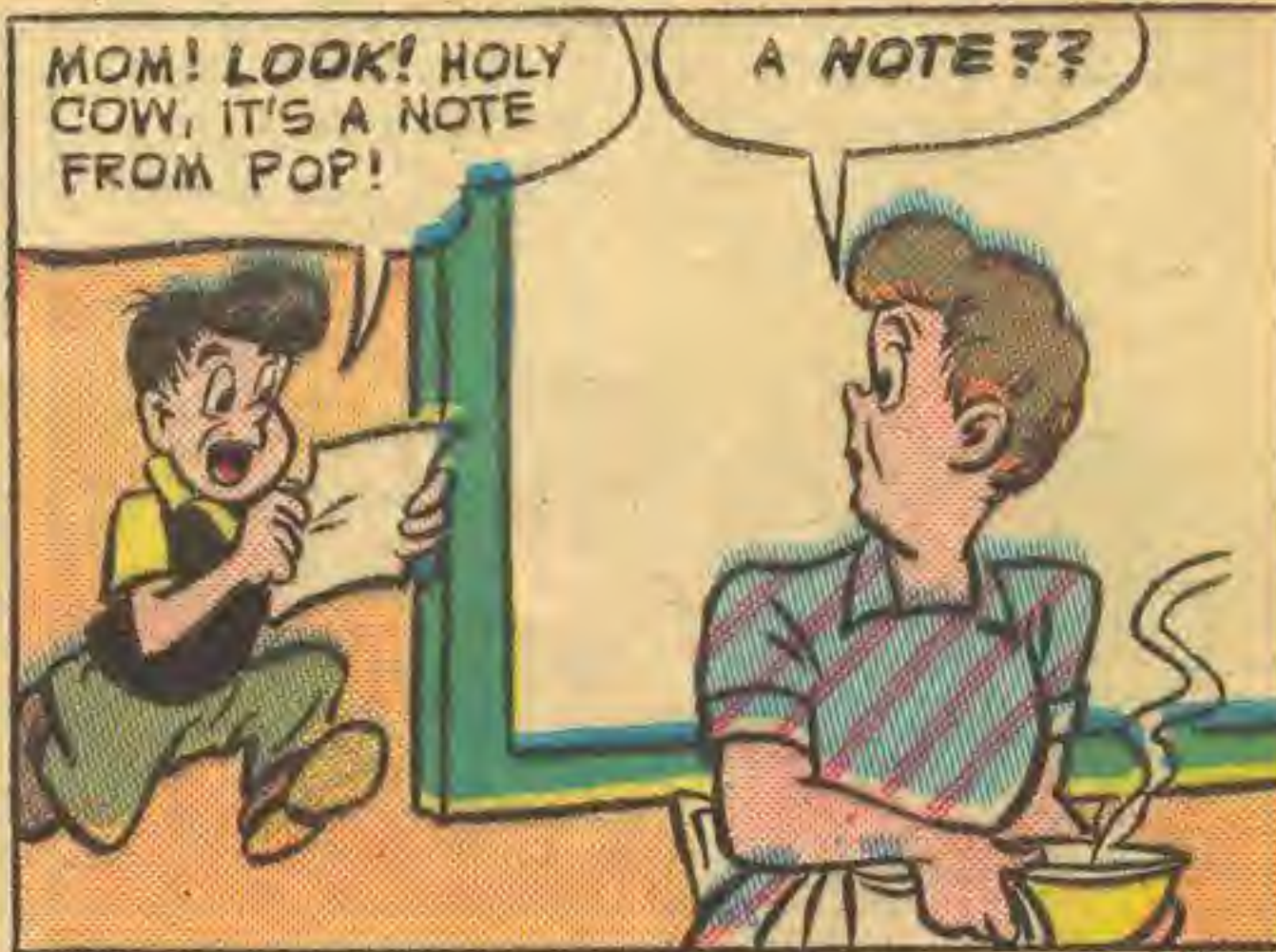
I DON'T THINK HE'S HOME YET, MOM!

MEANWHILE...



HE MUST BE! HE'S ALWAYS HOME AT THIS TIME!

WELL, HIS HAT ISN'T ON THE HALL-TREE AND --- **YIPE!**



MOM! LOOK! HOLY COW, IT'S A NOTE FROM POP!

A NOTE??



IT SAYS, "I'VE GONE ON A VACATION! I DON'T KNOW WHEN I'LL BE BACK! SIGNED, POP!"

WELL, OF ALL THE **INCONSIDERATE** MEN!



GOING ON A VACATION **JUST** WHEN I'VE PUT SUPPER ON THE TABLE! WELL, HE CAN JUST EAT LEFT-OVERS! I'M NOT GOING TO HEAT IT UP...

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A **VACATION?**

YEAH! HOLY COW, MOM, WHY WOULD HE DO THAT?



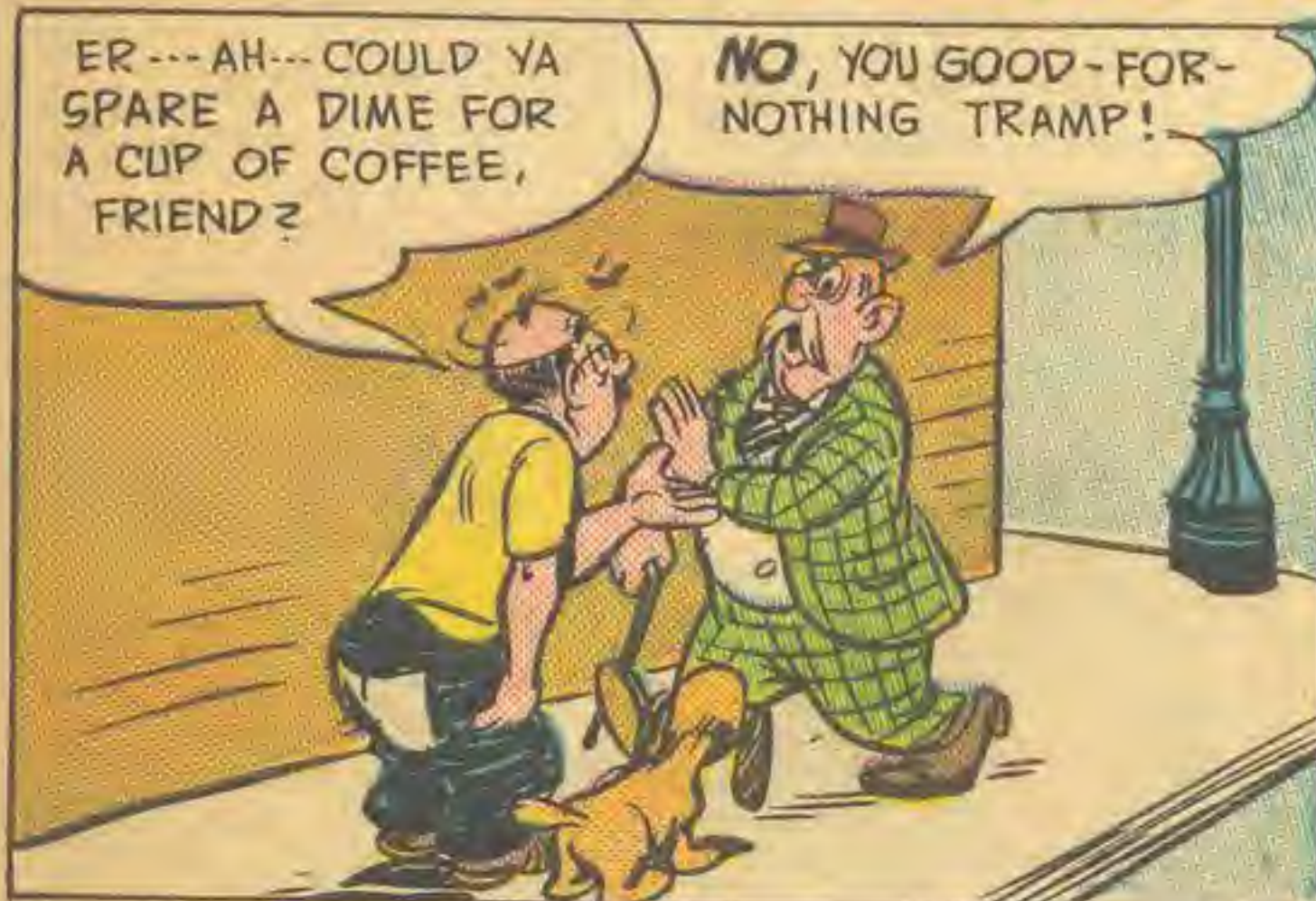
MY GOODNESS, I DON'T KNOW, COOKIE! HOW CAN HE **DO THIS** TO US? WHY, HE DIDN'T EVEN SAY WHERE HE WAS GOING!

HEY, I'LL BET HE'S AT BASS LAKE! LET'S CALL THERE!





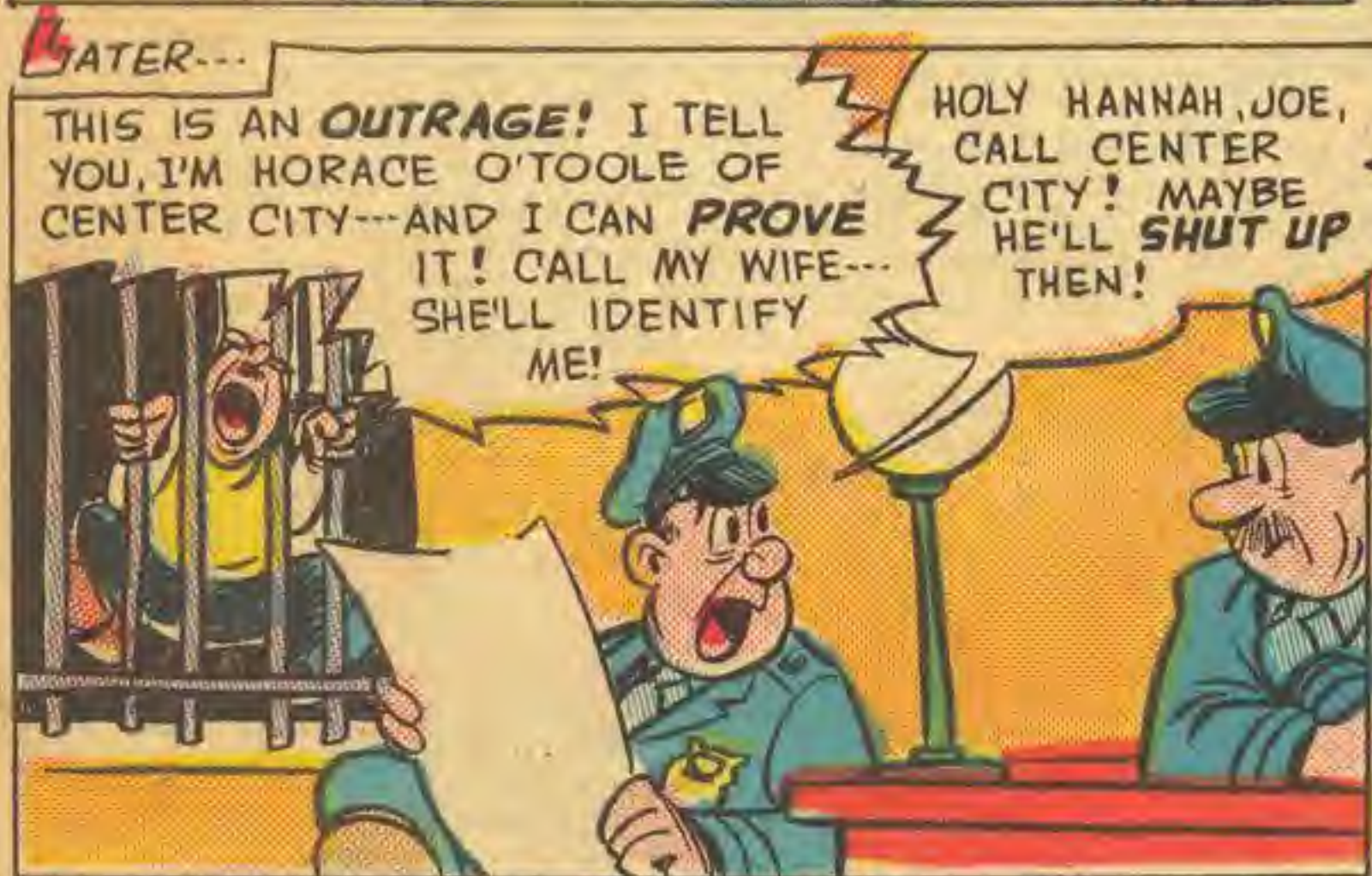
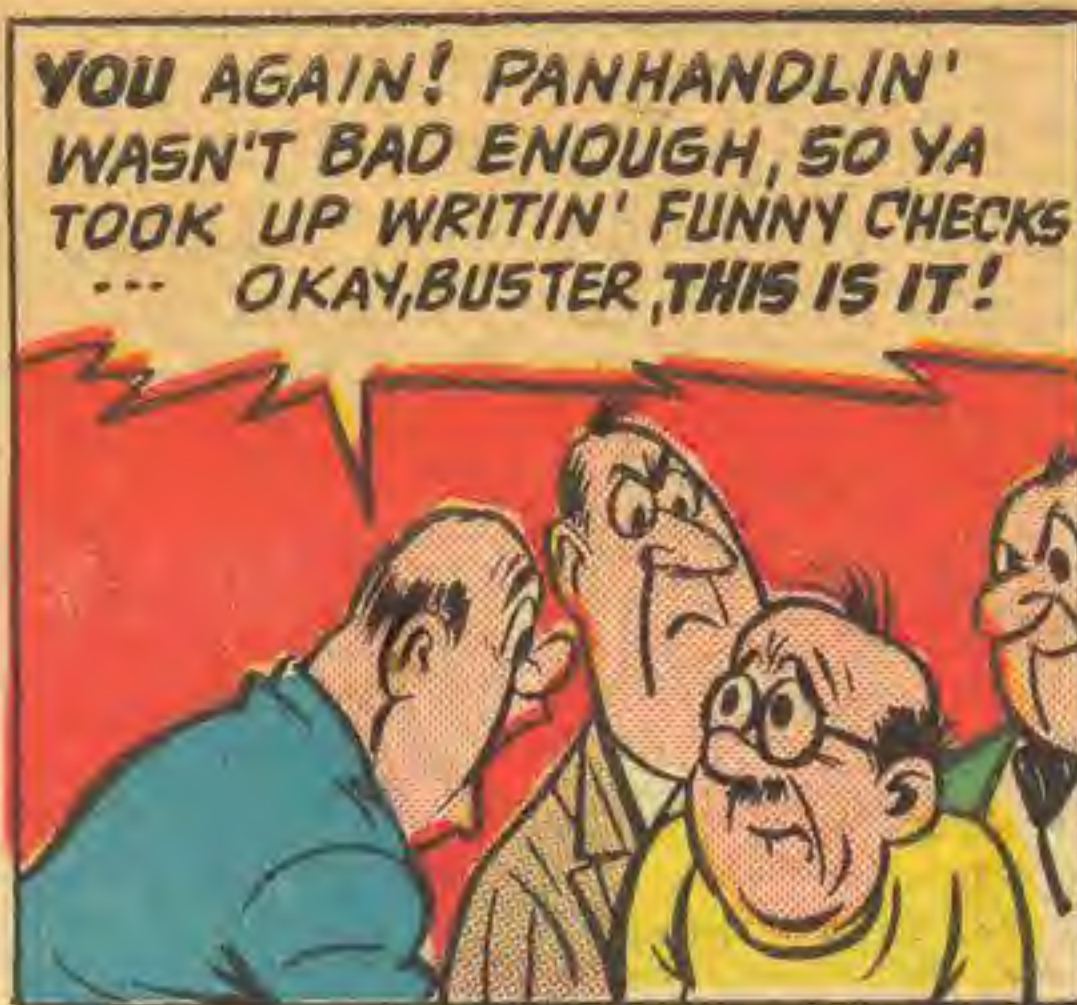




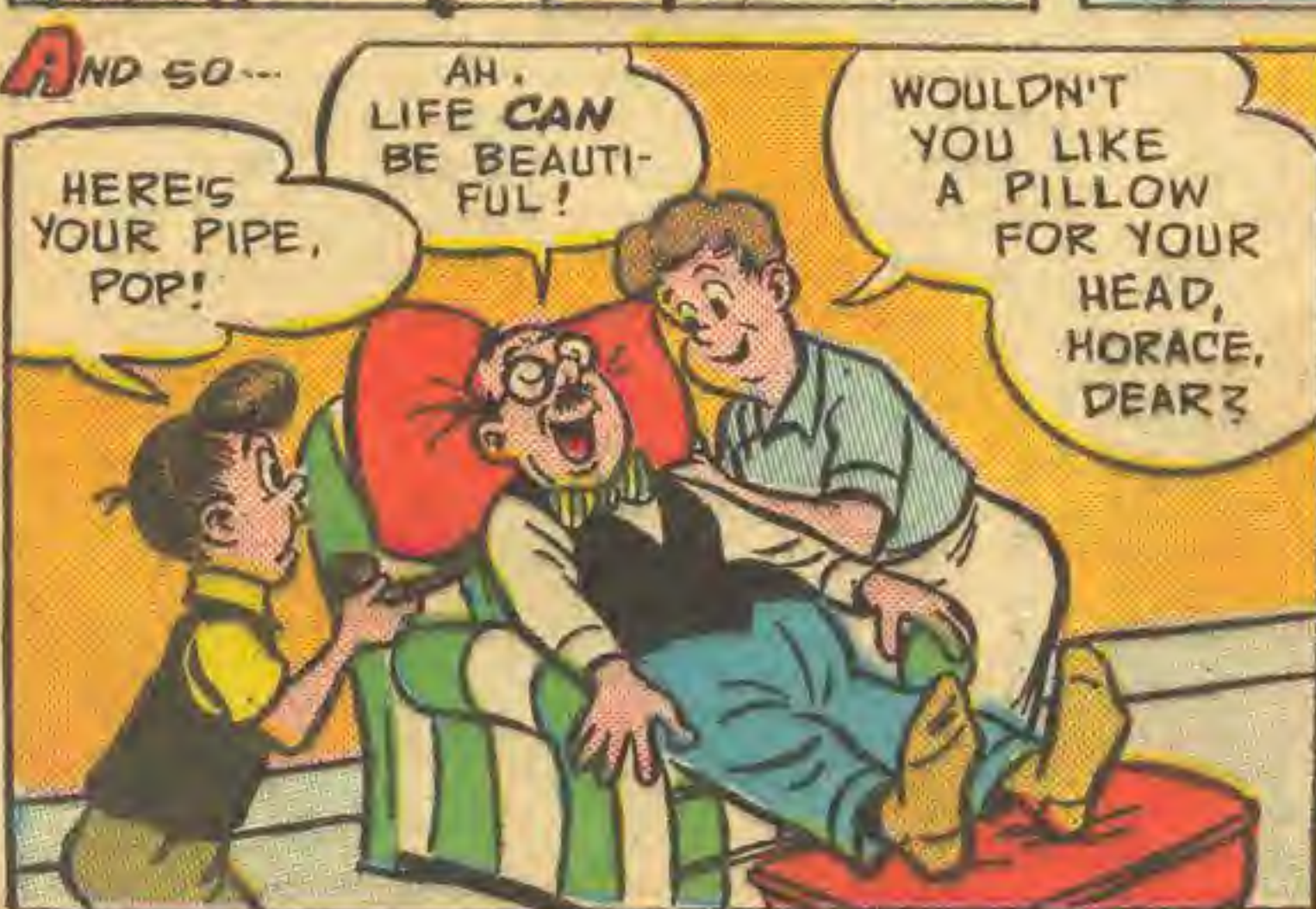
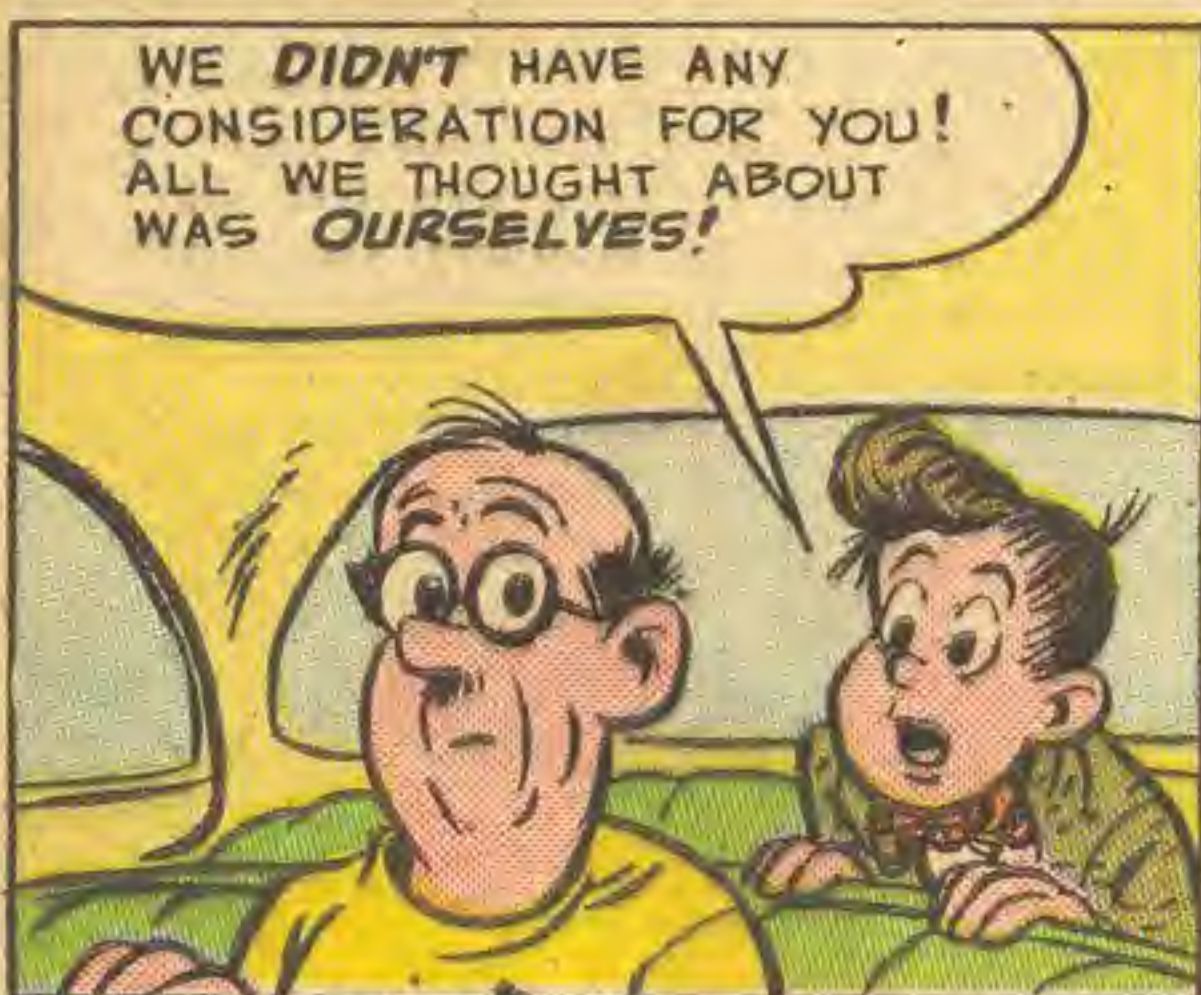
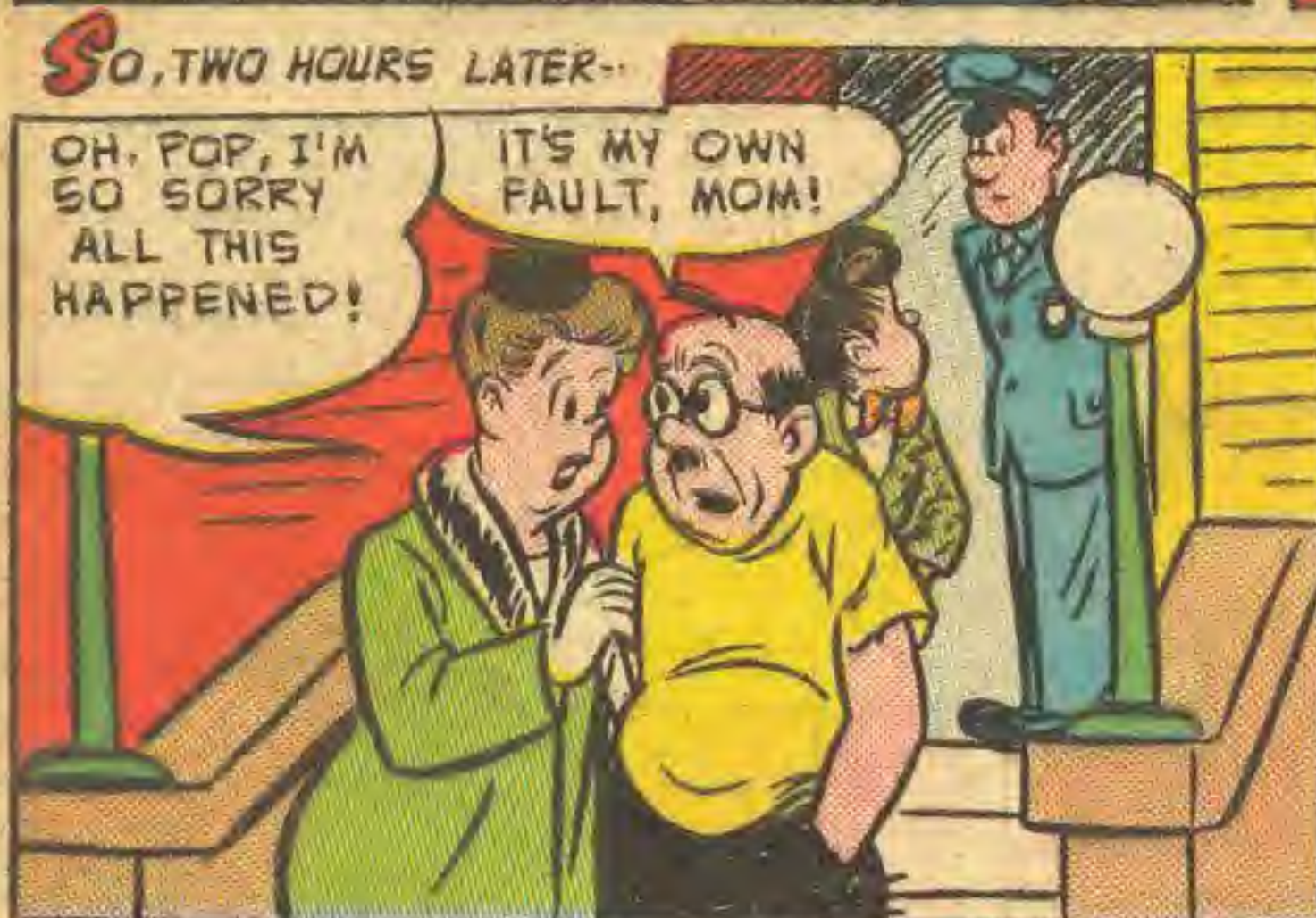








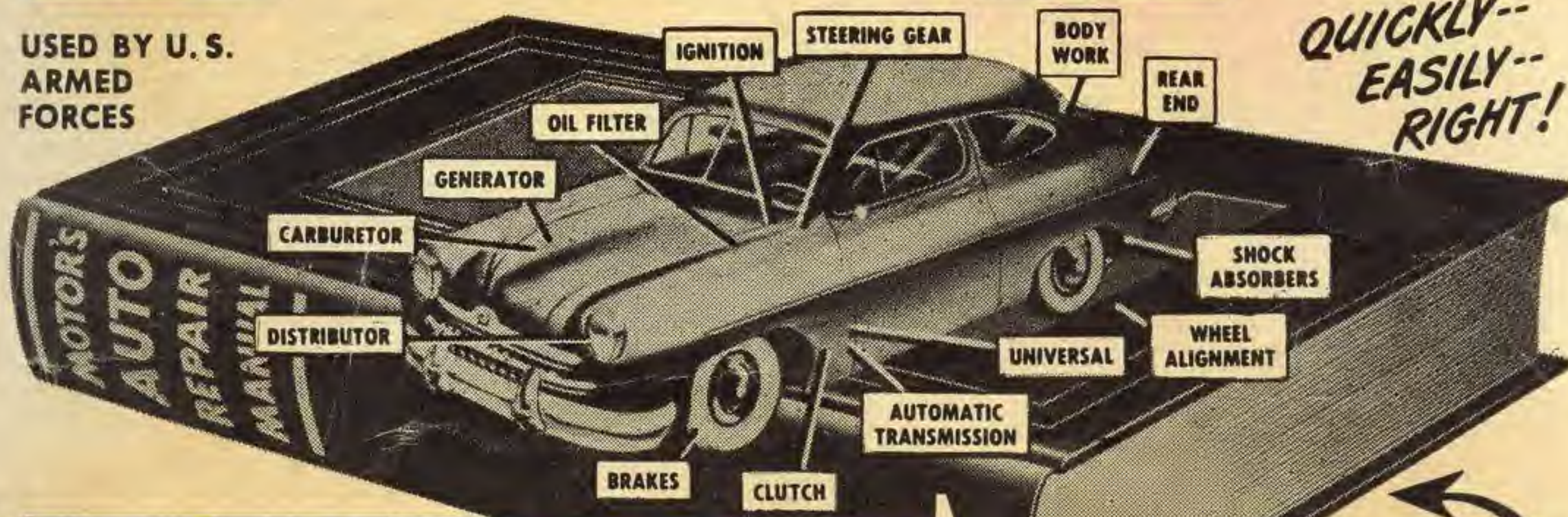






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